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Births.

ASHCROFT.—July 28, at her residence, Ebley-street, Waverley, the wife of J. W. Ashcroft, of a daughter.

PARTRIDGE.—August 23, at her residence, Horsecville, Stanmore, the wife of James Partridge, of a daughter.

PUNCH.—August 16, at her residence, Ridge-street, North Sydney, the wife of F. Punch, of a son.

Marriages.

LUPTON—HEWISON.—July 25, at Christ Church, Hawthorn, by the Rev. H. E. Taylor, Edmund, only son of George Lupton, of Fairmont Park, Hawthorn (Vic.), to Hilda Maud, second daughter of George Hewison, Newcastle, New South Wales.

Deaths.

ANDERSON.—August 23, at his residence, Glendower, Sutherland, Duncan Anderson, aged 51, fourth son of the late Andrew Anderson, of London, and Geelong, Victoria, of pneumonia, consequent upon influenza.

FLEMING.—August 20, at his residence, Wilberforce, John Henry Fleming, in his 79th year.

LEWIS.—August 23, at Cliffside, Watson's Bay, the residence of her son-in-law, James Fotheringhame, Mary Ann, relict of James Lewis, Eerick Park, Yorkshire, beloved mother of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. W. H. Traill, and Mrs. Fotheringhame, and grandmother of E. C. Hamilton, of this city, aged 75.

MATTHEWS.—August 23, at his residence, Clifton, 46 Gordon-street, Paddington, after a short illness (pleurisy), Sidney Matthews, aged 58 years.

PAGE.—August 23, at her residence, 198 Underwood-street, Paddington, Beatrice May Page, aged 27 years.

PARKES.—August 23, at her daughter's residence, 54 College-street, Camperdown, Mary Ann Parkes, aged 63 years.

In Memoriam.

BLACKETT.—In loving memory of our dear father, G. E. Blackett, who died August 24, 1888, aged 74 years.

FARRELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret Farrell, relict of the late Patrick Farrell, who died at her residence, 32 Newtown-road, 24th August, 1893. May she rest in peace. Inserted by her loving daughters, Anne and Mary T. Farrell, Clifton Lodge, Paddington-street, Paddington.

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Steamer.	Tons	Commander.	Sydney.	Leave Melbourne.	Adelaide.
Himalaya	6898	R. G. Murray	Sept. 8	Sept. 12	Sept. 12
Ballaarat	4748	T. S. Angus	Sept. 17	Sept. 22	Sept. 26
Arcadia	6362	W. B. Andrews	Oct. 1	Oct. 6	Oct. 10
Valetta	4919	F. W. Briscoe	Oct. 15	Oct. 20	Oct. 24
Rome	5545	A. B. Daniell	Oct. 31	Nov. 3	Nov. 7
Parramatta	4771	P. Harris	Nov. 12	Nov. 17	Nov. 21
Oceana	6362	E. Stewart	Nov. 26	Dec. 1	Dec. 5

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Steamer.	Command'r.	Sydney Noon.	Melbourne 1 p.m.	Adelaide 1 p.m.
AUSTRALIEN	Didier	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sep. 1
V. de la CIOTAT	Pisachi	Sep. 27	Oct. 1	Oct. 3
POLYNESIEN	Boulard	Oct. 27	Oct. 31	Nov. 2
ARM'D BEHIC	A. Pordenot	Nov. 27	Dec. 1	Dec. 3

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Steamer.	Tns	Commander.	Leave Sydney, noon.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Ad'l'ide S'maph.
Oldenburg	5318	R. Heintze	Sept. 10	Sept. 15	Sept. 19
Hohenzollern	3288	M. Eichel	Oct. 10	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
Prinz Regent Luitpold	6600	H. Gathemann	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 14
Karlsruhe	5347	W. von Schuckmann	Dec. 3	Dec. 8	Dec. 12
			1895.	1895.	1895.
Habsburg	5217	R. Bierstedt	Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 9
Oldenburg	5318	R. Heintze	Jan. 28	Feb. 2	Feb. 6
Hohenzollern	3288	M. Eichel	Feb. 27	March 2	March 6

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FOR MELBOURNE	Konoowarra, Sat., Aug. 25, 1 p.m. Buninyong, Tues., Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
ADELAIDE, PORT PIRIE, BROKEN HILL, PORT AUGUSTA	Buninyong, Tues., Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
FREMANTLE, GERALDTON	Waroonga (from Melbourne), Thursday, Aug. 30th. (See Special Advertisement.)
BRISBANE	Peregrine, Sat., Aug. 25, 2 p.m. Rodondo, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
MARYBOROUGH	Rodondo, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
ROCKHAMPTON	Peregrine, Sat., Aug. 25, 2 p.m. Rodondo, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
BUNDABERG, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, DUNGENESS, JOHNSTONE R., CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS	Peregrine, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2 p.m. Konoowarra, Sat., Sept. 1, 2 p.m. Leura, Sat., Sept. 8, 2 p.m. Peregrine, Sat., Sept. 15, 2 p.m. Konoowarra, Sat., Sept. 22, 2 p.m.

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ORIENT	5365 tons	R. Hoare	Aug. 27
ORMUZ	6381 ,,	H. G. Darby	Sept. 10
OROTAVA	5552 ,,	R. L. Routh	Sept. 24
ORUBA	5552 ,,	L. Hay	Oct. 8

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Steamer.	Commander.	Sydney, 4 p.m.	Auckland, 2 p.m.	Arrive at 'Frisco.
MONOWAI	Carey	Sept. 3	Sept. 8	Sept. 27
ALAMEDA	Morse	Oct. 1	Oct. 6	Oct. 25
MARIPOSA	Hayward	Oct. 9	Nov. 3	Nov. 22

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For AUCKLAND, NAPIER, WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN (transhipping to outports)—S.S. MARAROA, THURSDAY, August 30, at 2 p.m.

For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN (transhipping to outports)—S.S. WAIHORA, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 1 p.m.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, via EDEN—S.S. OONAH, SATURDAY, August 25. STEERAGE, 10s.

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For TONGA, HAABAI, VAVAU, and SAMOA—Per S.S. MARAROA, THURSDAY, August 30, at 2 p.m., transhipping to S.S. TAVIUNI at Auckland.

From MELBOURNE. NEW ZEALAND PORTS and HOBART—S.S. TALUNE, TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, at 2 p.m.

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ADELAIDE	Ranelagh	Saturday, 11 a.m., Aug. 25
WEST AUSTRALIAN PORTS..	Aramac	Tuesday, 5 p.m., Aug. 28, connecting with S.S. Waroonga at Melb'ne (See Special Advt.)
BRISBANE	Eurimbla / Warrego / Wodonga	This day, 5 p.m., Aug. 24 / Sat'day, 10 a.m., Aug. 25 / Wed'day, 3 p.m., Aug. 29
MARYBOROU'H BUNDABERG	Eurimbla	This day, 5 p.m., Aug. 24
GLADSTONE BUNDABERG, via Newcastle	Hesketh	Early
ROCKHAMPT'N	Eurimbla / Wodonga	This day, 5 p.m., Aug. 24 / Wed'day, 3 p.m., Aug. 29
MACKAY BOWEN TOWNSVILLE	Wodonga / Aramac	Wed'day, 3 p.m., Aug. 29 / Wed'day, 3 p.m., Sept. 5
Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan, J'stone River	Wodonga (change at T'nsville)	Wed'day, 3 p.m., Aug. 29
CAIRNS PT. DOUGLAS	Wodonga / Aramac	Wed'day, 3 p.m., Aug. 29 / Wed'day, 3 p.m., Sept. 5
COOKTOWN ...	Warrego / Wodonga / Aramac	Sat'day, 10 a.m., Aug. 25 / Wed'day, 3 p.m., Aug. 29 / Wed'day, 3 p.m., Sept. 5
THURSDAY IL. NORMANTON BURKETOWN	Warrego	Sat'day, 10 a.m., Aug. 25
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ABERDEEN	A. T. Wills	3700	October 26

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MELBOURNE ...	THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 24th inst., at 5 p.m.	BURRUMBEET
NEW ZEALAND...	WEDNESDAY, August 29.	TASMANIA. (See Special Advt.)
HOBART DIRECT	SATURDAY, September 1st, at 12 noon.	TAMBO.
STRAHAN (transhipping at Hobart)	SATURDAY, September 1st, at 12 noon.	TAMBO.
LAUNCESTON (transhipping at Melbourne)	THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 24th inst., at 5 p.m.	BURRUMBEET.
WEST AUSTRALIAN GOLDFIELDS (from Melbourne)	Steamer Early.	
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MACLEAY RIVER—Burrawong, To-morrow, noon.
RICHMOND RIVER—Electra, To-night, at 7.
BRUNSWICK RIVER (transhipping at Ballina)—Electra, To-night, at 7.

From MARKET WHARF. Telephone, 926.
MANNING RIVER—Rosedale, Monday Next.
PORT MACQUARIE—Fernmount, Monday, 7 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER—Fernmount, Monday, 7 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER—Rosedale, To-morrow, 10 a.m.
RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

STEAM TO SHELLHARBOUR.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH leaves the Caledonian Wharf THIS NIGHT at 9. No Cargo received after 5.
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WEATHER PERMITTING.

Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Tues., Fri., 11 p.m. Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, Friday, 10 a.m. Ulladulla, Friday, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, noon. Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Monday, Wednesday, noon. Tathra, Pambula, Monday, Wednesday, noon.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—PROBATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To the next of kin of WILLIAM CLARKE, late Kiama, in the colony of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased, intestate, GREETING.—Whereas it appears by affidavits of THOMAS CLARKE and JOSEPH BRYANT, both of Sydney, in the said colony, Merchants, sworn on the eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and filed in the Registry of our Supreme Court, that WILLIAM CLARKE, late of Kiama, in the said colony, Merchant, deceased, died on twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, at Kiama aforesaid, intestate. And whereas it further appears by the said affidavits that the said Thomas Clarke and Joseph Bryant are creditors of the said deceased. Now this is to command you and each of you to appear personally or by your respective proctors before our said Court at Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, on or before the sixth day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to accept or refuse the burden of Letters of Administration of the estate, goods, chattels, credits, and effects of the said deceased thereof, otherwise to show good and sufficient cause (if you or either of you know any) why Letters of Administration of all and singular the estate, goods, chattels, credits, and effects of the said deceased should not be granted and committed to the said Thomas Clarke and Joseph Bryant, the creditors aforesaid. And Take Notice that in default of your so appearing and accepting such Letters of Administration as aforesaid the Judge of our said Court will proceed to grant Letters of Administration of the goods, chattels, credits, and effects of the said deceased to the said Thomas Clarke and Joseph Bryant, your absence notwithstanding. Witness: The Honourable Sir FREDERICK DARLEY, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, this twenty-first day of August, in the fifty-eighth year of our reign, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.
For the Registrar, R. C. MONDAY, Deputy Registrar.
W. H. PIGOTT, Proctor for the said Creditors, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.—No. 8692.

Re ROBERT WILLIAM HAWORTH and GEORGE ALFRED HAWORTH, residing at Smith-street, Summer Hill, and No. 27 Dargham-street, Glebe, respectively, and carried on business at No. 401 George-street, Sydney, as R. and G. Haworth.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at No. 28 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 4th day of September, 1894, at 3 p.m.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 31st day of August, 1894.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.—No. 8696.

Re HENRY THOMAS NEATE, of Corso, Manly, Plumber and Gasfitter.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the Office of the Official Assignee, at No. 28 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 10th day of September, 1894, at 3 p.m.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 6th day of September, 1894.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.—No. 8676.

Re WILLIAM JOHN FINNERAN, of Burwood-street, Burwood, Builder.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at No. 127 Phillip-street, Sydney, on the 5th day of September, 1894, at 3 p.m.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 3rd day of September, 1894.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 5th day of September, 1894, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 1st day of September, 1894.

Re WILLIAM SHEARD, No. 8627, of Bega, Baker.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 11th day of September, 1894, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 7th day of September, 1894.

Re GEORGE NIX, No. 8727, of Hillgrove, Stationer and Bookseller.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

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To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 7th day of September, 1894.

Re JAMES TANNER, No. 8711, late of No. 74 Fitzroy-street, Surry Hills, Hotelkeeper, now of No. 184 Foveaux-street, Surry Hills, Trainer.

Re DANIEL THOMAS GATES, No. 8715, of Carrington-street, Balmain, Painter.

Re HENRY JAMES COLLINS, No. 8702, of Avon Cottage, Military-road, North Sydney, Gardener.

Re GEORGE ARTHUR RADCLIFFE, No. 8733, of No. 395 Harris-street, Ultimo, Shipwright and Boatbuilder.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.

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To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 7th day of September, 1894.

Re MICHAEL BEST and ALFRED LAW, No. 8716, of Brougham-street, Glebe, and Glebe-street, Glebe, respectively, and carried on business as "M. Best and Co.," at Pyrmont Bridge-road, Glebe, near Sydney, Contractors.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. AUGUSTUS MORRIS, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.

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To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 7th day of September, 1894.

Re WILLIAM DAVID JACKSON, No. 8695, of No. 1 Church-street, Marrickville, out of employment.

Re WILLIAM PREECE, No. 8722, of No. 203 Darling-street, Balmain, near Sydney.

Re JAMES CRAWFORD CONWAY, No. 8718, now of Miwenden-road, formerly of King-street, Newtown, Vanman.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. A. MORRIS, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 12th day of September, 1894, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 8th day of September, 1894.

Re JOHN JOSEPH LAWN, No. 8691, of No. 2 Newtown-road, and carried on business at No. 38 George-street West, Sydney, Signwriter.

Re JAMES MOORE, No. 8686, of No. 61 Marshall-street, Surry Hills, Compositor.

Re ALEXANDER WHITE, No. 8684, now of Herbert-street, Gore Hill, formerly of Mort's-road, Hurstville, now a labourer, late bricklayer.
ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.
Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—PROBATE JURISDICTION.—In the Will of HANS MATTHIESON, late of Bourke, in the colony of New South Wales, Dealer, deceased. APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS GREENWELL COULSON, the Executor named in the said Will.
PHILIP JAMES BIDDULPH, Proctor, Bourke.
By G. E. RUSSELL JONES, 15 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—PROBATE JURISDICTION.—In the Estate of SARAH MARIA BRACEY, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased. APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration with the Will annexed of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARIA BRACEY, the Mother of the said deceased. ARTHUR NELSON LITTLEJOHN, Proctor for the Applicant, 24 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

ALFRED WAAGEN, DECEASED.

PURSUANT to the Act of Parliament of 22 and 23 Victoria, cap. 35, intituled "An Act to Further Amend the Law of Property and to Relieve Trustees." Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of ALFRED WAAGEN, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, formerly of No. 71 Holly-avenue, Jesmond, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the county of Northumberland, Agent, deceased, who died on the 8th day of March, 1889, at Kimberley, Griqualand, in South Africa, and whose Will was proved in the Principal Probate Registry of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on the 23rd day of June, 1894, by JAMES FINCH HUTCHINSON, the surviving Executor named therein, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to me, the undersigned, the solicitor for the said Executor, on or before the 31st day of December, 1894, after which date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice; and he will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased, or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1894.
ROBERT GREENING, 46 Fenchurch-street, in the City of London, Solicitor for the said Executor.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, LAVIONE ERNEST SERISIER, Bachelor of Arts (Sydney), of Gipps-street, Dubbo, lately serving under articles of clerkship to RICHARD JAMES JOSEPH RYAN, of the same place, Solicitor, intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court.

Dated this 21st day of August, A.D. 1894.
LAV. E. SERISIER.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

TAKE NOTICE that I, JOHN BEDE MIMNA, residing at Marrickville, near Sydney, intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court.

Dated this 21st day of August, A.D. 1894.
J. B. MIMNA.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.—In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 8358.—Re ROBERT HUDSON, of Charlotte-street, Ashfield, carrying on business at Redfern and Clyde. Ex parte ROBERT HUDSON. To the Official Assignee and Creditors.—TAKE NOTICE that ROBERT HUDSON intends to apply to his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy, at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the eleventh day of September next, at 11 a.m., or soon afterwards as the course of business will admit, that a Certificate of Discharge be granted to him, under and according to the provisions of the Act 51 Victoria, No. 19. Dated this twenty-second day of August, 1894. GEORGE EVANS and SON, Solicitors for the Applicant, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND (the 28th) of One Shilling per share, amounting to £48,000, has been declared, and is payable on and after WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of September, 1894, at the Offices of the Company, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne; at the Adelaide Office of the Company, Broken Hill-chambers; at the branches of the Bank of Australasia, Sydney, Broken Hill, Port Pirie, and Hobart; and in London at Messrs. Smith, Payne, and Smith's, 1 Lombard-street, E.C.

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LOST, Boy's COAT, containing keys, between An'dale and Catherine sts. Rwd. 167 Parramatta-rd.

LOST, yesterday, Redfern station, Blotting-paper, cont. ½d stamps. Reward. Jacob, Comm'l Banking Co.

LOST, a PARCEL, containing music. Finder please return Melrose, Queen-st., Woollahra.

LOST, between Elizabeth and Palmer sts., BROOCH. Reward. 114 William-st.

LOST, a St. Bernard Pup, 3 m. old, from Leichhardt-st., 10s rewd. J. Quigley, Arthursleigh, W'vley.

LOST, the morning Headache now that I stick to Dickens' Whisky.

LOST, Gold Brooch inlet with pearls, figures 1890. Reward. Conlon's Pottery, Broughton-st., Glebe.

LOST, Bay MARE, branded AW1 n. sh., white face, off hind leg white. Any person detaining same after this date will be prosecuted. PETER GREEN, 25 Wilson-street, Redfern.

LOST, between Sydney Mint and M'Ilwraith's Wharf, Market-street, via King, Pitt, and Market streets, a Gold Bar BROOCH, with pearls and diamond crescents. Reward at F. Allerding and Co.'s, 25 Hunter-st.

LOST, BROOCH (amethyst set on two gold bars), between Ocean-street tram terminus and Paddington Town Hall. Finder rewarded upon returning same to Miss RODD, Cross-street, Double Bay.

LOST, from Grafton Wharf, White HORSE, E over N near shoulder, saddled and bridled. Reward, Mr. PERSTON, H. and A. A. Griffiths, Lackey-street, Darling Harbour.

LOST, at corner of Oxford and Botany streets, Brown Leather PURSE, containing silver, railway ticket, and keys. Reward, at LONEY'S, Chemist, top William-street.

ONE Pound Reward.—Lost, grey Mare, conj. CP nr. should., O on thigh. Skinner, postman, Arncliffe.

PURSE lost, Tuesday night, between Park-st. and Town Hall. Reward. Ivy Bank, Bayswater-rd.

REWARD.—Lost, black and gold BRACELET. Kindly return to Miss Aaron's, 150 Hargrave-st., Pad.

REWARD.—LOST, in Grosvenor-street, on Sunday night, PURSE, containing gold, silver, and earring. Finder will be rewarded. Mrs. BRADY, 16 Grosvenor-street, Church-hill.

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THE PREACHER AND THE PARAGRAPHIST.

The correspondence commenced in the columns of the Daily Telegraph anent what Dr. TALMAGE said and what "OUTIS" thought of it appeared, according to the last batch of letters, in danger of degenerating into a mere discussion as to the merits and demerits of the man of the pulpit and platform and he of the pen. The paragraphist didn't seem to think much of the preacher, accusing him of uttering stale platitudes, and of giving voice to cheap eccentricities; while the champions of the pulpit hero retorted that the newspaper man wasted his time in stringing words which, if smart and catchy, had little wisdom in them. And some of the virtuous advocates of the glorified spouter are horrified to think that anyone could lose sight of the important question whether all, both great and small, from the tiny ant that climbs up the side of a hill to the man of genius who soars into realms of godlike philosophy, were created or evolved, for flippant criticism and idle talk. Anyhow the rival disputants seem to have forgotten one important feature, the difference in price of the two shows, the one embalmed in printer's ink, the other presented by the man on the platform. Let us look at it commercially. Dr. TALMAGE'S lowest figure was a shilling spot cash, except on one occasion, when admission was free, if you could dodge the plate; whereas any day of the week searchers after entertainment can have a whole column of "OUTIS" for a penny, with the news of the day thrown in. It's a question of value, and those who think one way and they who think the other will kindly signify the same in the usual manner.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, August 23.

In Banco.—(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Windeyer, and Mr. Justice Innes.)

RE THE APPLICATION OF THE ENGLISH, SCOTTISH, AND AUSTRALIAN BANK FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PASTORAL LEASE OF TALA AND THE LAND ACTS OF 1884 AND 1889 (MINISTER FOR LANDS APPELLANT).

Mr. A. P. Canaway, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Minister for Lands; and Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., and Mr. Pyke, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co., for the E. S. and A. Bank (respondent). This was a case stated by the Land Appeal Court in pursuance of the sixth subsection of section 8 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 (53 Vic., No. 21) for decision by the Supreme Court. Tala is a pastoral holding in the Central division of New South Wales; and on the 11th July, 1885, a notification of the division of the said holding was published in the *Government Gazette*. The pastoral lease of the leasehold area of Tala has continued in existence from the date of the said notification to the present day, and the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank (now styled the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, Limited) is the registered holder of the said pastoral lease. The bank duly made an application as provided for in the 29th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 in respect of the said pastoral lease. On the 10th day of February, 1893, a notification signed by the Minister for Lands was published in the *Government Gazette*, and was as follows:—"It is hereby notified for general information, in pursuance of the provisions of section 78, subsection iv., of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, that no extension of the pastoral leases specified in the annexed schedule will be given, and that such leases will therefore expire on the respective dates set opposite thereto." The pastoral lease of Tala was specified in the said schedule, and the date set opposite to the said lease was 10th July, 1895. On the 10th July, 1893, the bank deposited with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £20, and on the same day delivered to the Minister for Lands an application in the prescribed form for an extension of the pastoral lease purporting to be under section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889. The receipt of the said deposit by the Colonial Treasurer was expressed to be "without prejudice and subject to Parliamentary action." On the 11th and 24th days of May, 1894, the local land board, purporting to act under the authority of the 43rd section, held an inquiry as to all permanent improvements existing upon the land held under the pastoral lease, and recommended that the term of the lease should be extended for a period of three years. The bank appealed to the Land Appeal Court on the grounds that the period of extension recommended by the local land board was not sufficient. On the 14th August last the appeal came on for hearing before the Land Appeal Court, and thereupon preliminary objections taken on behalf of the Minister for Lands raised the question whether the notification of the 10th February, 1893, operated to prevent the provisions of section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 from applying to the pastoral lease. The Land Appeal Court decided that the notification referred to did not operate to prevent the provisions of section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 from applying to the pastoral lease, and overruled the objections. The question for the Supreme Court is whether, under the circumstances above stated, the notification of the 10th February, 1893, operated to prevent the provisions of section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 applying to the holder of the pastoral lease of Tala.

The judgment of the Land Appeal Court having been read,

Mr. Canaway said it would only be necessary for him to refer the Court to a very few sections. The first was the fourth subsection of section 78 of the Act of 1884, which was as follows:—"Pastoral lessees shall have a right at the expiration of their leases to an extension thereof for a term of five years, subject to the payment of such annual rent as the Minister, after appraisement by the local land board, shall determine, not being less than the rent paid for the last five years of the currency of such lease. Provided always that no extension shall be given to any such lessee if the Minister shall have notified in the *Gazette* two years prior to the expiration of the original lease that no such extension shall be given."

The Chief Justice: I would remark, on that proviso, that I cannot conceive that it was ever the intention of the Legislature to give the Minister power to make a wholesale notification irrespective of all considerations, and to deprive lessees in the Central division of the colony of the right to renewal. I can, however, quite understand that it was intended that he should have power of refusal in any particular case if he thought he had good reason to interfere.

Mr. Pilcher: The words in the proviso, "any such lessee," show that. However, this is not the matter before the Court, although I also think it was never intended by the Legislature to give this sweeping power which it was now proposed to confer upon the Minister.

Mr. Canaway said he would now refer the Court to the ninth subsection, which carried out the provisions of subsection 4:—"If it be determined to grant the extension hereinbefore provided of any pastoral lease, the lessee shall be informed by notice in the *Gazette*, not less than nine months before the expiration of his lease, of the terms and conditions under which the new lease will be granted; and if, on or before the 30th day September next ensuing, he shall pay to the Treasury the rent so notified, he shall be entitled to such lease." The question would, he thought, resolve itself into this, that the two subsections provided a certain scheme under which pastoral leases were to be extended, and they reserved to the Crown the power of saying that such extension should not be granted. In section 43 of the Act of 1889 the scheme of extension was no doubt materially altered, and the Act of 1884 as far as extension was concerned was impliedly repealed by the Act of 1889. The question was whether the change made by the Act of 1889 was so radical as to take away the power of veto from the Minister for Lands. First of all, they knew that by the subsections quoted the only term of extension that could be granted was five years or nothing; and, secondly, the term of extension was made as of new leases. One of the subsections spoke of the original leases as expired leases, and the extension as new leases.

Mr. Justice Innes: How can it mean new leases? It is simply the same leases extended for five years more.

Mr. Canaway: The ninth subsection speaks of new leases.

Mr. Justice Innes: But that does not apply, as far as I understand. That applies to a case which has not arisen here.

Mr. Canaway said that it did not apply, but he simply referred to it to bring the scheme of extension which was intended before the Court.

Mr. Justice Innes: Instead of being called new leases it should have been called extended term of leases.

Mr. Canaway: Before the new lease was granted there must be a new appraisement and new conditions as to extension, which must be defined.

Mr. Justice Windeyer: How are these sections applicable when applications are made under the 29th section of the Act of 1889?

Mr. Canaway said that the 29th section must be limited to the words of the section. He referred the Court to subsection B of section 29.

The Chief Justice: The difference between the two Acts is this:—That under the Act of 1884 the lessee was absolutely entitled to an extension of his lease for five years, unless the Minister had published this notification in the *Gazette* two years before, but under the Act of 1889 the lessee is not entitled to an extension until he has put upon the lease such improvements as might satisfy the land board that he had a right to an extension.

Mr. Canaway submitted that there were no words in section 43 sufficiently strong to take away the power of the Minister. These provisions of the Act of 1884, to which he had referred the Court, were wholly unrepealed, and further than that, the Legislature, in passing the Act of 1889, said that it must be read with and as part of the Act of 1884. That, he contended, was reaffirming the Act of 1884. The question was whether there was anything sufficiently strong in section 43 of the Act of 1889 to get rid of the Minister's power of veto. The fourth subsection of section 78 was absolute in its terms.

Mr. Justice Innes: Yes, that was the state of things in 1884, but it was not the state of things when the Act of 1889 was passed.

Mr. Canaway said it was impliedly reaffirming the Act of 1884, because it said "this Act (1889) shall be read with the Act of 1884," and therefore the proviso to which he had referred remained in force. There had been no express or implied repeal, and he saw nothing inconsistent in section 43 with the exercise of the power of veto by the Minister. Section 43 did not contain a word which would enable the land board or the Land Appeal Court to consider those matters which naturally would govern the Minister in deciding whether or not the extension should be granted. The question whether the extension was to be granted at all was one which would be considered under subsection 4 of section 78 of the Act of 1884, and the 43rd section had no operation to get rid of the power reserved to the Minister. He contended that there was nothing inconsistent with the continuance of such power as conferred by the Act of 1884 in the Minister.

Mr. Justice Innes: That only applies where a man has not applied to bring his lease under the Act of 1889. In such cases the Minister has the right of veto by notification.

Mr. Canaway said that to argue that a man having brought his lease under the Act of 1889, therefore the Minister's power of veto was gone, was arguing in a circle.

Mr. Justice Innes: It is arguing directly as the Legislature has said. If they travel in a circle we must go round with them.

Mr. Canaway said he saw nothing in the Act defining the effect of bringing a lease under the Act of 1889 as doing away with the Minister's right of veto. The 29th section of the Act provided for the reappraisement of rent, and section 43 contained a provision that pastoral lessees might get the renewal or extension which their improvements would otherwise justify fixed by the local land board and Land Appeal Court upon application to that effect. The question was that there was nothing in that provision or anywhere else inconsistent with the fourth subsection of clause 78. There was nothing in the 43rd section which implied a repeal or anything sufficiently strong to get rid of the power which was absolutely in terms reserved to Minister by the fourth subsection of section 78.

The Court, without calling upon Mr. Pilcher to reply, delivered judgment.

The Chief Justice said: It appeared to him that the case was entirely too clear for argument, and he could not conceive the circumstances under which the points taken in this case were raised. In the first place it appeared to him that the proviso in the fourth subclause of section 78 was never intended to operate as it had been made to operate in the case. To make it so operate appeared to him to be wholly opposed to the spirit of the Act of Parliament. It was intended to apply to such lessees as the Minister might see fit to deprive of a lease, but not to apply so as to enable him at one stroke to deprive the lessees of a whole division of the colony of their leases. If the Legislature had intended the Minister to have such power, that power ought to have been given in express terms. Under the fourth subsection of section 78 pastoral lessees were to have the right of extension of their leases for a term of five years, subject to the payment of such annual rent as might be fixed upon by appraisement; then there was the enormous power given to the Minister, enabling him by notification in the *Gazette* to veto any such extension. Under that Act of Parliament it was not necessary for a lessee to improve his land in any way. He might go on without putting any improvements on the land, trusting that the Minister would not exercise the veto, but give him the extension to which he was absolutely entitled. When the Act of 1889 was passed the policy seemed to have been to encourage lessees to improve their land, but in order to give that encouragement the right of veto was taken away. The inducement held out to lessees who might wish to improve their lands and come in under the 29th section of the Act of 1889 was that by coming in and improving their lands they became entitled, without the veto being exercised, to a right of renewal of their leases. The first subclause of this section provided that "all leases after the Act comes into force shall be granted under the provisions of this Act." The second sub-clause provided "That the holder of any pastoral lease granted before the commencement of the Act may bring his lease under the provisions of the Act by making application to the Minister within 90 days." Then followed the words:—"If no such application be made the lease shall continue to be dealt with as regards the rent thereof, and the term thereof, and, except in cases of conditional leases, remain as if this Act had not been passed." So that with respect to leases in which there had been no application to come in under the provisions of the 29th section, the veto possessed by the Minister under the proviso of sub-section 4 of section 78 remained intact, unrepealed, and unaffected. It followed, then, that the Court had not to consider the question of repealing by implication the 4th sub-section of clause 78 of the Act of 1884. The two leases, i.e., the one remaining under the Act of 1884 and the one brought under the Act of 1889, stood upon an entirely different footing. A lease which had been granted under the Act of 1884, and which had not been brought under the provisions of the Act of 1889, was subject to the veto of the Minister; he might, if he saw fit, refuse to renew the lease by giving notice. If he did not do so within the time fixed, the lessee was absolutely entitled to a renewal of his lease, and in order to entitle himself to that renewal was not called upon to put one shilling's worth of improvements on the land. If he brought himself under the Act of 1889 by means of the provisions of the 29th section of the Act in order to entitle himself to get a renewal of his lease, he had to give a certain notice and make a certain application. Under the 43rd section of the Act of 1889 an enquiry would then be held by the land board of the district. The land board had to find—"First, the value of the improvements placed upon the lease; second, whether or not they have been made bona fide with intent to increase the carrying capacity and benefit the property for pastoral purposes; third, whether or not the land will materially benefit thereby; and fourth, whether or not in consideration of such improvements an extension of the term of the lease should be granted; if so, for what term?" So it was thrown upon the land board to inquire into these matters, and if it found that the improvements had been made bona fide with intent to increase the carrying capacity of the land for pastoral purposes, it would be for it to make a recommendation to the Minister to grant a renewal of the lease for a term not exceeding five years. In the particular case under consideration the land board found that there had been improvements placed on the land which had been made bona fide and with intent to increase the carrying capacity of the land for pastoral purposes, and recommended an extension of the lease for three years. The lessees thought that was not sufficient. They thought that, considering the improvements placed on the land, the board ought to have recommended an extension of the lease for five years. Accordingly they had appealed. It was when the appeal came on for determination before the Land Court of Appeal that the preliminary point was taken against the lessees. It seemed to him that any decision other than that which the Land Court came to in that matter would have worked the greatest possible injustice in that case and to such of those lessees under the Act of 1884 as had brought themselves under the Act of 1889. In the case before them it had to be assumed from the decision the Land Board had already come to that the particular lessees, the respondents in the case, had made improvements, trusting and relying on the good faith of the Minister, and relying upon the decisions of the land board and Land Appeal Court. Now, under the 43rd section, if they were to hold that the veto of the Minister existed with respect to the leases all improvements made between 1889, when these leases were brought under the Act, and 10th February, 1893, when the notification refusing any extension was first published (a period of some two years), and which improvements were necessarily made for the purpose of entitling the lessee to a renewal, became by virtue of the 4th sub-section of section 43 of the Act of 1889 forfeited to the Crown, and accordingly a decision in favour of the Minister would manifestly work the greatest possible injustice. The decision of the Land Appeal Court had alluded to the question of repeal for implication only in answer to the argument used by the appellant. It did not, however, arise in that case. The 4th sub-clause of the 78th section of the Act of 1884 was not repealed, nor was the proviso to it repealed. It stood good for all such leases as had not been brought under the Act of 1889, but leases brought under the Act of 1889 must be dealt with without reference to the Land Act of 1884.

Mr. Justice Windeyer said: It appeared to him that the sections of the several Acts of Parliament which referred to the point were more simple than most of the points which were presented to them for construction arising out of the consideration of Land Acts. He entirely concurred with his Honor the Chief Justice in thinking the decision arrived at by the Land Appeal Court was entirely correct. It seemed to have been argued before the Land Appeal Court that the matter was dependent on the question of whether there was an implied repeal by the Act of 1889 of the provision which required the Minister for Lands to notify the lessee that he would not have a renewal at the expiration of his lease. If it was necessary to decide whether there was an implied repeal of the provisions of the Act of 1884 in that respect by the Act of 1889, it appeared to him that the reasons given in the very able statement in support of the judgment by the President of the Land Court were sufficient to dispose of that argument. The Land Court had not actually held that there was necessarily an implied repeal of the provisions of the Act of 1884, nor did he consider it necessary to hold that there was any such implied repeal. The second class of case was distinctly referred to in section 29: "Lessees who brought their leases under the provisions of the Act of 1889 by making application in the manner prescribed for the purpose." Others who had not taken that course were as clearly under the provisions of the Act of 1884, and those who were under the provisions of the Act of 1884 were subject to this power of notification by the Minister for Lands. As the President of the Land Court pointed out, it would be a monstrous thing if the Minister for Lands had such power over all the lessees who brought their leases under the Act of 1889. It appeared that in this case the lessees, immediately after the passing of the Act of 1889, took the necessary steps to secure the advantages which the Act of 1889 gave them, and it would be an extraordinary thing to suppose that the Legislature intended, after inviting lessees to come under the provisions of the Act, that they should be deprived of the advantages which would accrue to them by so doing by a proclamation issued two years afterwards, the lessees having in the meantime made the improvements on their runs so as to obtain an extension under the provisions of section 43. He was of opinion that the Land Appeal Court took a right course in overruling the objection raised on behalf of the Minister.

Mr. Justice Innes said that for his part, he desired to guard himself against being supposed to concur in the general observation made by the Chief Justice at the commencement of his judgment with regard to the proviso of subsection 4 of section 78 of the Act of 1884. He concurred in the opinion that it was not a desirable course to take to deal *in globo* with one entire district of the colony, instead of dealing with each lease upon its own individual merits, because it was quite possible that the merits of the leases, and perhaps the claim of each lessee, to an extension might vary, but, at the same time, he was inclined to think it was within the terms of the proviso for the Minister to take the course which he did. However, as his Honor said, that point did not arise in this particular case, nor was it necessary to express any judicial opinion upon it. With regard to the case which was submitted for the determination of the Court, he joined with their Honors without any doubt whatever in thinking the point too clear for argument, and the Court was to be congratulated in having at last a really easy problem placed before them for solution. The decision of the Land Court being right, the usual consequences must follow.

The Chief Justice said the answer to the question submitted to the Court was that the notification of the 10th February, 1893, did not operate to prevent the provisions of the Act of 1889 from applying to the holder of the pastoral lease Tala. The appeal was therefore dismissed with costs.

Mr. Pilcher: That proclamation was issued with a view to future legislation, but no doubt under a misapprehension. It was to clear the ground for future legislation.

Mr. Justice Innes: You mean the notification as to the veto?

Mr. Pilcher: Yes.

Appeal dismissed with costs.

GARDINER AND OTHERS V. HALLIDAY.

Mr. Cohen, instructed by Messrs. Sly, Hamilton, and Russell, appeared for the plaintiffs in support of the demurrer to the defendant's pleas; Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and Rich, appeared for the defendant in support of the pleas. The plaintiffs, who trade as W. Gardiner and Co., sued M. E. Halliday to recover on her overdue promissory note for £38 4s 11d. Defendant pleaded that before the making of the promissory note it was agreed between her and plaintiffs that she should purchase from them certain stock-in-trade, and give 12 promissory notes, which were collaterally secured by a mortgage over certain furniture. One promissory note was paid, but before the second became due the plaintiffs, as the plea alleged, acting contrary to the agreement, seized the furniture—there being no default made—and took possession of it. She now pleaded that the value of the goods so seized exceeded the amount of the promissory note.

The Court said that the question was whether the plea was a good equitable plea. It would be a good equitable plea if judgment on it for the defendant would put an end to all disputes arising out of this particular matter between the parties; in other words, if it was a final judgment. It appeared quite clear that judgment for the defendant would not be a final judgment, because in respect of the same matter she would still have cause of action against the plaintiffs, and if defendant went into a Court of Equity to restrain the action at law, the first thing she would have to do would be to show that she offered to pay the promissory note, and it might be that the Court of Equity would require payment of the promissory note as a condition to await the result.

Judgment on the demurrer for the plaintiffs.

HENSON V. BROOKS.

Mr. Tarleton, instructed by Mr. W. J. Hill, appeared for the plaintiff, to oppose the defendant's demurrer to the plaintiff's declaration. The defendant did not appear. The plaintiff, G. R. Henson, sued George G. Brooks to recover on an overdue promissory note for £15 8s 10d, and defendant lodged a demurrer on the ground that the plea did not state or show that the note was ever presented or dishonoured.

Judgment for the plaintiff.

LIPSCOMB V. MATTON.

Dr. Sly and Mr. Waddy, instructed by Mr. W. M. Vindin (for Mr. R. W. Thompson, of West Maitland), appeared for the plaintiff in support of a demurrer to the defendant's first plea. Mr. Pring, instructed by Messrs. C. R. A. Smith and Cummins, appeared for defendant in support of the plea demurred to. The plaintiff's declaration was one in which W. G. Lipscomb sued O. Matton to recover on an overdue promissory note for £600, payable 36 months after date, and the defendant in his first plea set out the promissory note, which bore upon it the words "this being collateral security to mortgage given by S. H. Matton to W. G. Lipscomb, dated 10th January, 1888, for £600 over 3 acres 1 rood of land at Lane Cove." Plaintiff demurred to the plea on the ground that the promissory note was valid as a promissory note within the meaning of the Bills of Exchange Act of 1887 and the common law, that the mere fact of the note being expressed to be held as collateral security does not prevent the plaintiff suing on the same, though the mortgagor was a different person to the defendant; and that a note payable to a person or his order was payable to one or the other at his option.

The Court said there was no doubt that a promissory note to be good must be unconditional, and the question here was whether the words which had been added to the note had the effect of making it in any way conditional. It appeared to the Court that they did not import a condition of any kind making the payment of the note conditional upon the mortgage not being paid or not sufficiently paid. If there was such a condition it ought to have been set out.

Judgment on the demurrer for the plaintiff.

DONALDSON V. STOCKTON COAL COMPANY.

Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., and Mr. Pring, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, appeared for defendant in support of a demurrer to the fourth and sixth counts of plaintiff's declaration. Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. Lewis Levy, appeared for the defendant in support of the counts. The plaintiff, John Edmondson Donaldson, sued the Stockton Coal Company under the provisions of the Employers' Liability Act, and also under three common law counts, to recover compensation for injuries sustained by him while working in a certain bord in the defendant company's mine. The fourth and sixth common law counts of the declaration stated that defendants were at the time conducting mining and blasting operations in another portion of the mine separated from the bord by a wall of coal so thin and insecure that one of the blasts caused numerous pieces of the wall to be driven into the bord, injuring the plaintiff. The plaintiff also set out that it was the duty of the defendants to make secure the sides of the working place, but they negligently omitted to do so. The defendants demurred to these two pleas on the ground that they disclosed no cause of action or any breach of duty on the part of defendants to plaintiff, and that they did not allege that defendants knew that the sides of the workings referred to were insecure and unsafe, or that plaintiff was ignorant that they were insecure and unsafe.

The arguments were not concluded, and the further hearing was adjourned till next Term.

In Equity.—(Before his Honor Mr. Justice Owen, Chief Judge in Equity.)

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN (PART HEARD).

Mr. Gregory Walker, instructed by Mr. F. A. Davenport, appeared for the applicant, Arthur John M'Kenzie; and Mr. B. R. Wise, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Simpson, Minter, and Co., for the respondent, Daniel Quigley. This was an application by Arthur John M'Kenzie, the manager of the Perpetual Trustee Company, for the removal of Daniel Quigley from the position of guardian to Augusta Sophia Quigley and William Frederick Bannister Quigley, and the appointment of applicant in his place. Affidavits were read setting out that Augusta Sophia Quigley was 19 years of age, and W. F. B. Quigley 18 years of age.

His Honor delivered judgment. He made an order that Daniel Quigley should have the guardianship of the persons of the minors, inasmuch as in an interview with his Honor the previous afternoon they had expressed a desire to remain with their uncle. Quigley having abandoned any claim to the guardianship of the estate, the Judge made an order that Mr. M'Kenzie, manager of the Permanent Trustee Company, be appointed as trustee of the estate. There was a subsequent application that the remuneration should be fixed for the guardianship of the children, and his Honor settled it at £125 per quarter, the accounts to be properly vouched and brought before the Master every quarter. His Honor also remarked that he thought that the education of the young man ought not to be neglected, and Mr. Wise promised that the opinion of his Honor should be conveyed to Quigley. The accounts for payment to Quigley of the costs of maintenance of the young people were referred to the Master.

MANNING V. CHADWICK (PART HEARD).

Mr. A. H. Simpson, with Mr. Lingen, instructed by Messrs. Allen and Allen, appeared for Sir William Montague Manning, the plaintiff; and Mr. Walker, with Dr. Sly and Mr. Newbury, instructed by Messrs. Holdsworth and Son, for the defendant, Robert Chadwick.

This was an application for an injunction restraining the defendant from proceeding with an action at common law against the plaintiff, and directing him to deliver up for cancellation an indemnity in regard to the payment of £1000 to the Australian Joint Stock Bank under a bond. The evidence having been concluded, Counsel proceeded to address the Court. Argument will be continued. The case stands part heard.

(Before the Master in Equity, Mr. F. Barton.)

RE SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUTUAL TRADE PROTECTION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. Parish, on behalf of Mr. N. F. Giblin, the official liquidator, asked for the settlement of the list of contributories. The matter has been before the Master several times. There was a very large number of objectors. Those persons who did not appear were settled on the list. An order was made with regard to those who objected that they must file an affidavit within 14 days, stating their reasons for objecting to be settled on the list.

In Bankruptcy.—(Before his Honor Mr. Justice Manning.)

APPEAL FROM REGISTRAR'S DECISION.

Re Thomas Allen (bankrupt), ex parte the official assignee: the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, respondents.

Mr. Wise, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the appellants, the bank; and Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Hemsley and Perkins, for the respondent, the official assignee. This was a motion on behalf of the bank, that the report, dated the 2nd August, of Mr. Henry, Registrar in Bankruptcy, might be set aside so far as the same reported that the value of the stock-in-trade, horses, carts, harness, furniture, and other goods seized by the bank on the 16th August, 1893, was on that date £381 10s; and in so far as the same reported that the extent of the deterioration in the value of the goods between 16th August and 11th December, 1893, was £50; and in so far as the same reported that on 11th December the goods seized, lost, or removed from the premises in Druitt-street since 16th August up to 11th December were of the value of £138. And that the questions by the order made in that cause be *referred* back to the Registrar for reconsideration upon the grounds that the Registrar was in error in basing his estimate of the values and depreciation upon the assumption that the goods in question were sold by "ordinary sale" in the course of the bankrupt's trade. And that the true basis for an estimate of the value of the goods was their market price at the date in question, and that such market price must be ascertained by such method of sale as would have been reasonably adopted by the official assignee if he had been in possession of the goods seized at the date in question. And upon the ground that if the true basis of the estimate of the value of the goods was the amount which they would realise in an ordinary sale, then Mr. Henry was in error in not deducting the costs necessary and incidental to such sale.

Mr. Henry informed his Honor that he based his decision upon the market value of the goods at the time in question.

His Honor held that the Registrar had acted upon the right principle, and dismissed the application with costs.

MOTION UNDER SECTION 130.

Re Samuel Thos. Batchelor, bankrupt, ex parte the official assignee; Laycock, Son, and Nettleton, respondents.

Mr. Field, instructed by Mr. L. F. Heydon, appeared on behalf of the official assignee, in support of the motion; and Mr. Gordon, instructed by Mr. Mark Mitchell, for the respondents.

This was a motion for an order declaring that the payment of the sum of £65 16s 2d to Messrs. Laycock, Son, and Nettleton, on the 28th December, 1893, was void as against the official assignee, and that the said sum formed part of the bankrupt's estate, on the grounds that the payment of such sum was made by the bankrupt at a time when he was insolvent within the meaning of sub-section 2 of section 56 of the Bankruptcy Act, and that the payment had the effect of preferring then existing creditors to other creditors of the bankrupt.

The matter stands part heard.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

ESTATES SEQUESTRATED.

Re John Macintosh and Sons v. Thomas Bartlett, of Ruthven-street, Waverley, builder. On the motion of Mr. E. Meyers, who appeared for the petitioning creditors, the Registrar made an order for the sequestration of the estate of the respondent, declared the date of the act of bankruptcy as 13th August, and appointed Mr. N. F. Giblin official assignee.

Re Andrew Rowan v. William R. Chapman, of Trangie, near Dubbo. On the motion of Mr. Bucknell, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, the Registrar made an order sequestrating the estate of the respondent, declared the date of the act of bankruptcy as 2nd June, and appointed Mr. N. F. Giblin official assignee.

Re Tooth and Co. v. James Benedict Cahill. Mr. H. E. Cohen appeared on behalf of the petitioning creditors, and Mr. Bourke for the respondent. The Registrar made an order sequestrating the estate of the respondent, declared the date of the act of bankruptcy as 2nd August, and appointed Mr. A. Morris official assignee. £2 2s costs of adjournment was allowed to the respondent.

CREDITOR'S PETITION WITHDRAWN.

Re C. J. E. Forsberg v. H. Likely. A settlement having been arrived at, leave was given to the petitioning creditor to withdraw the petition.

CREDITOR'S PETITION ADJOURNED.

Re George Masura v. Hastings Likely. As a settlement was pending it was ordered that the petition stand over till 5th September.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Alexander Hisiman. The bankrupt was examined by Mr. Mark Mitchell, who appeared on behalf of the official assignee. It was ordered that the matter stand over generally.

Re Matthew Henry Nutter. Edye Taylor and Mrs. Nutter (mother of the bankrupt) were examined by Mr. G. Evans on behalf of the official assignee.

SEQUESTRATION ORDERS.

Thame Coles (described as being also known as Thomas Coles), of Sutherland, gardener. Mr. A. Morris, official assignee.

John Francis Egan, of Sunny Corner (formerly of Rydal), hotelkeeper. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Thomas James Hughes, of Tamworth, late innkeeper, now out of business. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday.

Term List.—For Judgment: Bolster v. Bolster.

Crown Case.—Regina v. James Walter Waller.

Motions generally.

Special Case.—In re Jeremiah B. Rundle and others and the Stamp Duties Acts of 1880 and 1886.

Motions on Notice.—In re J. S. M. White, W. Hy. Page caveator, to remove caveat; in re Elizabeth Hicks, Albert T. Jenkins caveator, to remove caveat; in re Elizabeth Gore, Richard H. Harnett caveator, to file case; Cox v. Cox, for confirmation of order, in re T. O. Vyner, ex parte the Sheriff, for payment of fees.

Motions, &c.—Ex parte William Gazzard, prohibition; ex parte John Garland Treseder, prohibition; ex parte the Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, in re Municipal District of Lambton, to appoint receiver; ex parte the Perpetual Trustee Company, prohibition; ex parte the Perpetual Trustee Company, prohibition; in re John Knox Malcolm, ex parte the Sheriff, attachment; in re John Mellor, John Leslie and Mary Sherer, caveators, to remove caveat.

In Equity.—Before the Master.—Lunacy, 9.30 a.m. Company matters, 12.30 p.m. At 2 p.m.: Minter v. Bell, to settle draft report; Ritchie v. Hudson, to review taxation. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Crick v. Norton, to tax costs. At 12.30 p.m.: Jeanneret v. Polack, to settle minutes of order. At 2 p.m.: Colonial Finance Mortgage Investment Company, to tax costs. Before his Honor the Chief Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Manning v. Chadwick (part heard). At 2 p.m.: Motions generally. Re trusts of the will of P. W. Wright, deceased, and 26 Vic., No. 12, petition for advice; re trusts of the will of A. A. Wright, deceased, and 26 Vic., No. 12, petition for advice; Minister for Public Works and claim of Sir Daniel Cooper, petition for payment out; National Mutual Life Association of Australia, Limited, v. Goldrington and another, motion for decree.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Liddell v. Mossman, for security.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk.—Burcher and others v. See On, 10.30 a.m.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: To proceed on accounts in the following estates: Robert Oliver, John N. Wark, Sophia Spencer.

Before the Judge in Bankruptcy.—At 10.30: In re Batchelor, motion under sec. 130 (part heard). At 11: In re E. C. Fuller, motion under sec. 130; in re W. C. Browne, motion under sec. 130.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 10: John Black, examination under section 30.

Before the Chief Clerk in Bankruptcy.—At 2.15: In re Whitfield, taxation of petitioner's costs. At 2.30: In re Roberts, taxation of petitioning creditors' costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday.

(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.)

Judgment: Godfrey v. Carry, Lawless v. Curry, Nicoll v. O'Connor, Dolton v. Budge, Callaby v. Geddes, O'Connor v. Nicoll.

List will be called punctually at 12 noon.

POLICE COURTS.

THE KIRRIBILLI ASSAULT CASE.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Alfred Waterhouse (19), Samuel Jackson (18), Charles Stuart (18), Frank Russell (19), Edward J. Seymour (17), George Russell (17), Campbell Stuart (21), Joseph A. E. J. Martin (17), and Charles Waterhouse (18), all of whom were remanded last Tuesday on a charge of having inflicted grievous bodily harm on Herbert William Part, at North Sydney, on the 5th August, appeared before Mr. W. F. Edwards, D.S.M., at the North Sydney Police Court yesterday. Mr. C. R. A. Smith conducted the prosecution. Mr. G. J. Barry appeared for the two Waterhouses, while the remainder of the accused were represented by Mr. C. J. Burns. Mr. Barry asked the magistrate whether he had made up his mind as to the course he would follow, or whether he would reduce the charge to one of common assault. Mr. Edwards, D.S.M., said he could not do the latter. He was going to caution them, and they could give evidence afterwards if they chose to do so. Accused having been cautioned in the usual form, replied that they would reserve their defence, and were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, to be held on 10th September. Mr. Burns asked for light bail. One of the accused was a clerk in his office, and had been there three or four years. Bail was allowed.

ADAMSON V. WATERHOUSE. WATERHOUSE V. ADAMSON.

These two cases were then called on and were taken together. The complaint was for assault in each case. Mr. C. R. A. Smith appeared for Adamson and Mr. G. J. Barry for Charles Waterhouse. Sergeant Brennan deposed to Waterhouse having surrendered himself into his custody at his (Waterhouse's) residence.

The evidence of George Adamson, a lamplighter, was in effect that, on Sunday, 5th August, about 5.30 p.m., he was on horseback in Peel-street, Milson's Point. His horse was going at a walk, when Waterhouse rushed over from the footpath and caught hold of him by the leg, and pulled it out of the stirrup, saying "You won't be witness in any more cases after we've done with you." He (Adamson) had not spoken to Waterhouse before in his life. Waterhouse let him go, and he went on to light his lamps, when a stone whizzed by his hat and he turned, when he saw Waterhouse's hand drop, and another stone glanced off the saddle and hit him (Adamson) on the side, and he felt the pain of the blow for two days. He said to Waterhouse "You're a lot of cowards to hit a man when his back's turned." Waterhouse said "If you don't get off I'll knock you off." He got off, when Waterhouse "jabbed" him on the mouth and knocked him down. Adamson closed with him and called out "Help, they'll kill me." Part then came up the steps and separated them.

Charles Waterhouse said he knew Adamson by sight. He was in Peel-street. Adamson rode right alongside of him, almost on top of him, and he and his friends had to get out of Adamson's way. Waterhouse said, "Why don't you look where you're going?" and Adamson said "Don't give me any cheek, or I'll get down and kick you." Witness said, "Go on, will you?" Adamson then got off his horse and came towards witness, who said "I don't want to fight." Adamson said "You are one of the 'Zappers.' You're one of the straw hat 'push,'" and also accused Waterhouse of being a cur because he would not fight. Adamson then remounted his horse, and unscrewed the brass top from the handle of his lamp-lighter and holding it over his (Waterhouse's) head said, "If I had anyone with me, I'd show you what I'd do with you." Adamson rode away and spoke to someone at the top of the steps at the lower end of Peel-street, saying something about "going to make Waterhouse fight." Adamson then dismounted, tied his horse up, took off his coat, collar, and necktie, and advancing to witness said, "I'll make you fight now." Adamson then hit him on the mouth and hit him on the left eye, giving him a black eye. He (Waterhouse) pushed Adamson off and hit him. Part separated them. Adamson then put his collar and necktie into his pocket, and mounting, rode off. After cross-examination by Mr. Smith, Samuel Jackson, grocer, was called, and corroborated Waterhouse's evidence in regard to Adamson's having ridden close to them on the evening in question. Adamson struck Waterhouse first, and then Waterhouse struck Adamson. The magistrate said in the first case, Adamson v. Waterhouse, he considered the assault proved, and fined Waterhouse 40s, with £2 2s professional costs and costs of Court. In the second case he considered the assault justifiable, and dismissed it.

SMUGGLING CIGARS.

In the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Charles Champaville, 30, a seaman, was charged with having unlawfully unshipped from the s.s. Australien three boxes of cigars, the duty on which had neither been paid nor secured. Inspector Donohue, of the Customs Department, deposed that he saw accused leave the Australien on Wednesday night, and on accosting him found that he carried three boxes of cigars, on which no duty had been paid. Champaville was fined £4 10s, with 6s 6d costs, in default one month's imprisonment.

THEFTS.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Addison, S.M., George Wilson, alias Thompson, alias Haggard, 27, a waiter, was sentenced to be imprisoned for six months, with hard labour, on a charge of having stolen 11 pairs of trousers valued at £4, the property of Murray Brothers, 75 York-street. The accused, it appears, *entered* the warehouse, took the goods, and made off. On a second charge of having stolen an overcoat valued at 22s 6d, the property of Michael Rush, the accused was sentenced to four months' additional imprisonment.

Bessie Robson, 25, was charged with having stolen the sum of 3s, the property of Elizabeth Williams. The prosecutor stated that whilst engaged in shopping in Oxford-street, the accused knocked the money out of her hand. A fine of £2, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment, was imposed.

Thomas Binks, 38, a hawker, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for having stolen a pair of boots, valued at 4s 6d, from the shop of Fred. Wrigley.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

At the instance of George Webber, inspector to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, George Palmer was, at the Central Police Court yesterday, fined 10s, in default seven days' imprisonment.

BREAKING A WINDOW.

Henry M'Grady, 34, was, at the Central Police Court yesterday, fined £3, with £2 damages, in default two months' imprisonment, for having maliciously injured a plate-glass window, the property of Alfred Bennett.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., William Wootton, 27, and Samuel Ashwell, 18, horse trainers, were charged with having furiously driven a horse to the common danger of passengers in Botany-road, Botany. The police stated that the accused were galloping about the street and on the footpath for over half an hour. They pleaded guilty and were each fined £2, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment. For having been drunk and disorderly, each of the accused was fined 10s, in default two days' imprisonment.

GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Johnson, S.M., Sydney Smith and Frederick Moylan, two youths, were committed to take their trial at the Court of Quarter Sessions on a charge of having inflicted grievous bodily harm upon John Walsh. The evidence tended to show that the prosecutor was severely struck by a stone, and that he suffered a compound fracture of the jaw.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Edward Melville, 26, was charged at the Glebe Police Court yesterday with having attempted to steal a purse containing 6s 6d from the person of Mary Trowbridge. The evidence was to the effect that the accused followed prosecutrix along Parramatta-road, Leichhardt, and twice attempted to take the purse from her pocket. Accused, who refused to be dealt with by the magistrate, was committed for trial to the Court of Quarter Sessions.

STOWAWAYS.

In the Water Police Court yesterday, George Tiliberg (37), a painter, and Charles Hanson (50), a labourer, were fined £1 each, or 14 days' imprisonment, for having refused to pay, when demanded, their fares from Newcastle to Sydney in the s.s. Sydney.

DEATH IN THE SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

A MYSTERIOUS EVENT.

The Coroner in his court at Chancery-square yesterday opened an inquest relative to the death of Philip Hust, who was found dead in his bed at the Sydney Hospital on Tuesday night.

John Frederick Horn, a jeweller, living at No. 61 Booth-street, Balmain, deposed that he had been an intimate friend of the deceased. Hust was 48 years of age, a boot importer, and was a native of Germany. Witness believed he had left some land, but to him its value was unknown. Hust was of temperate habits. Witness had frequently visited him in the hospital, and on Tuesday, when he last saw him, deceased said he was worse, and appeared to be despondent. He had never heard him express any intention of doing away with himself.

Dr. Rennie, Government Pathologist, deposed that he had made a post-mortem examination of the body of the deceased. The stomach contained half a pint of brownish-coloured fluid, like tea. The mucus membrane was fairly healthy, and the intestines were quite healthy. There was disease of the last two or three vertebræ, and also disease of the right hip joint. He removed the stomach and other viscera, and put them in a glass jar, sealed it, and handed it to Senior-constable Ross.

Dr. Binney, a resident medical officer of the hospital, deposed that deceased was admitted to the hospital on the 14th May, and remained under the care of witness till death, at 10 minutes to 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. When witness last saw him alive, at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, he appeared just as usual. Hust never said to him that he wished he was dead. Nurse Ponder, who informed him of the death, gave him a bottle which smelt of prussic acid. On examining the deceased witness could detect no odour of prussic acid. Anything might be given to a patient by friends without the hospital authorities knowing about it at the time.

Nurse Glasheen deposed that she relieved Nurse Steers of duty in the ward of the hospital where deceased was lying at 9.40 p.m. on Tuesday. Ten minutes later she went to Hust's bedside and found that he was dead.

Nurse Steers, who was on duty from 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday till 7 a.m. on Wednesday, with the exception of 40 minutes for meals, deposed that she last saw deceased alive a few minutes after 9 o'clock. He said, "I am not quite so well." She noticed nothing unusual in his manner. Witness went off duty at 9.40, and as she was coming back at 10 o'clock Nurse Glasheen told her that Hust was dead. In the pocket of his pyjama coat she found the bottle produced, and in his chest was a cork. Witness gave the bottle to Nurse Ponder.

Charles Seebach deposed that he was a qualified physician, but he was not registered. He resided at No. 71 Castlereagh-street, Redfern. He knew Hust.

At this stage witness was duly cautioned.

Continuing, witness said that four years ago deceased had been a patient of his. He was in the habit of visiting him frequently while he was in the hospital. He visited Hust in the hospital on Tuesday afternoon with a Mr. Brian. He did not give him anything, nor did he see anyone else give him anything while he was there. Witness had heard deceased say he wished to die, and if he had any laudanum he would have poisoned himself. Witness never saw the bottle produced before.

By the jury: He did not know whether any person would benefit by deceased's death. Hust was not in good financial circumstances.

By the Coroner: Deceased left a will, which he (witness) got from the bank on Wednesday. On opening it in the witness-box he saw it was in his favour. Deceased did not tell him it was in his favour. He did not know it was in his favour till he opened it in the witness-box.

By the jury: Deceased was to assign his estate to Enoch Taylor and witness.

The inquest was adjourned till Thursday next.

THE NATURAL FOOD OF MAN.

In the Auburn Council-chambers, on Wednesday evening, a debate took place between Messrs. Percy Meggy, H. E. Langridge, and Satchell, representing the Vegetarian Society, and Messrs. C. J. Hellier, W. M. and E. Thomas, representing the Auburn Literary Society. Mr. Baxter, a local vegetarian, presided. Mr. Meggy, who opened the debate, drew a comparison between the carnivora or flesh-eaters—such as the lions and tigers—and the frugivora or fruit-eaters—such as the manlike apes—and showed how the structural organisation and digestive apparatus of these two orders differed in every particular, the one being evidently designed for a flesh and the other for a vegetarian diet. The structural organisation and the digestive apparatus of man were precisely the same as those of the manlike apes, and he contended that this went a great way to prove that the natural food of the one was the natural food of the other. Each of the vegetarians present spoke of the benefits he had personally derived from the change of diet, and advised others to follow the example. The debate was terminated by a vote of thanks to the visitors.

DEPRESSION IN WOOL PRICES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The letter by Mr. J. Pottie opens up quite a field on the general depression colonies and all countries of the world are going through. It was not alone the low prices of wool, but the low prices for every class of produce from the soil, which took us down in prosperity; and, bearing all this in mind, the wonder is that our colonies are still in the good position we find them. It is no use blaming legislation for general evils. These cannot be averted but only modified by local laws. We are certainly not in the colony of New South Wales to be classed as importers of wheat, yet other colonies are, and their surplus, finding no good market elsewhere, causes a glut here; and elsewhere we find the supplies not much in excess of former years, but the inability of people to buy even at the low rates comes back on us. The world is getting smaller daily with rapidity of communication, and distress in one part soon finds an echo of sympathetic distress all over. Suppose there be a glut in the labour market in one colony and none in the other; a week would almost equalise it by people emigrating. Supposing things were bad all over Australia and good in other countries, say Cape, India, or South America; the population would soon set their faces that way, and with plenty of intending passengers there would soon be steamers on who would arrange fares in accordance with the means of the people, and it would only be a question of a few months till the pressure here be relieved, or till a similar pressure be brought about at the new country. I must therefore quite object to the theory of Mr. Pottie, that the land legislation here has controlled the price of wool in the world, or that it has had the slightest effect on it. He might as well make the same cause responsible for the great shrinkage in value of cereals, silver, copper, lead, tin, hides, leather—in fact, every one of our products except gold. It is not alone the products of New South Wales nor of Australia which have come down in value; prices have come down generally, no matter whence the supply, and this gradual decline has gone on since the recollection of most men now living. Strange to say, that up to a certain point, while all this took place, wages went on improving till a couple of years ago, showing the capabilities of producing things at lower cost. This could only continue to a certain point, which I am under the impression has now been reached. We had for certain to come to it some time, and if this is now done we shall have steady times henceforth on a sound basis.

The point Mr. Pottie was particularly aiming at—that we now produce a lower class of wool than formerly—I do not feel competent to combat; I hardly believe it. Parasitical diseases will always occur amongst large herds more than amongst small, and have at all times had to be combated. Fortunately the larger owner can better command the means. But as to quality, there is an old saying:—"When corn is high, sweepings are worth money," and I believe the reverse is now proving to be the case; and certain wool which now sells as middling used to be called superior, and the buyers are getting very fastidious about what they will pay best prices for.

I am, &c., C. NETTHEIM.

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NEW ZEALAND AFFAIRS.

A PARLIAMENTARY REVOLUTION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

WELLINGTON, AUGUST 17.

After years of travail and of effort, the new Standing Orders of our Parliament have not only been passed, but have been now nearly three weeks in operation, so that there has been abundant opportunity of testing their working and effect. For in that period we have had a financial debate on one of the most debatable Budgets ever put before a Legislative Assembly, we have had local and private bills in every stage, and we have had large policy measures of great interest and magnitude. For years past successive Premiers and successive Speakers have sought to secure amendments of Standing Orders, which have merely served as the machinery for ingenious stonewallers to set in motion so as to block public business and waste public time. But every effort at reform was met with the opposition of stonewallers, who feared that their occupation might be gone; and when the crucial time came, the Opposition, by leaving the chamber, simply rendered it impossible to secure the two-thirds House which was necessary to carry amendment. The new orders contain many striking changes. No new business can be taken after midnight. Papers and unopposed motions are taken before question time. No motion for adjournment can be taken till the questions are all disposed of, and then seven members must rise in their places to support that motion. Only matters touched on in the questions or answers can be discussed on such a motion, the mover is limited to 30 minutes, and every other member to 15, while the whole discussion must not exceed two hours. No second motion for adjournment can be made on the same day except by a Minister, or by a member supported by nine others rising in their places.

Now, it was held that these restrictions on the right of adjournment would unduly narrow the proper ventilation of important grievances. In recent years the right of adjournment had come to be grossly abused. Scarcely an afternoon passed without one or more adjournments being moved, largely with the deliberate purpose of wasting time and blocking some measure that was obnoxious to the particular member who took advantage of the forms of the House. The debates on these occasions dealt with everything seen and unseen, the past, the present, and the future—anything that was agitating the mind of any particular member. And in the case of the purely stonewalling motions, as there was no limit, so the speeches only ended with the exhaustion of the member or of the House. Dictionaries were read, volumes of prose or verse were recited, *Hansard* was ransacked from end to end. The time limit, and the limitation of the power of moving adjournment, have put an end to all this. Now, motions for adjournment are rare. When they are moved members speak to the point, and they are rapidly disposed of.

But marked as has been the reform in respect of such motions as these, even greater has been the change wrought by the general time limit. In former days debates on big bills or big questions were limited by neither time nor space. Nature alone mercifully intervened with physical exhaustion. But with the great stonewallers of the past, Nature was more kindly to the individual than to suffering humanity at large. Members maundered on for two, three, four hours through a speech the real matter of which should have been delivered in 20 minutes. Debates which should have taken hours took days, days grew into weeks, and even the weeks sometimes strung together till a higher denomination was reached. This state of things was long looked upon as intolerable by all but the long-winded politicians who gauged the value of their addresses by the number of pages they occupied in the yearly growing *Hansard*. The number of members was materially reduced—from 95 to 74—but without avail. The endless reams of drivel still clicked through the typewriters in the *Hansard* room, and kept the Government printing presses at a steady whirr.

Individual verbosity, however, had reached the limit of collective endurance long ago, and so, when the Standing Orders were being revised, members cast round for some expedient to stop it. Many were suggested only to be rejected as impracticable, until the Minister for Labour (Mr. Reeves) suggested that "No member shall speak for more than half an hour at a time in any debate in the House, except in the debate on the Address in Reply, or on the financial statement, or in a debate on a motion of 'no confidence,' or in moving the second reading of a bill, or on the debate on the Appropriation Bill, when a member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour. In Committee of the House no member shall speak for more than 10 minutes at any one time, or more than four times upon any one question before the committee. Provided that this rule shall not apply in committee to a member in charge of a bill, or to a Minister when delivering the financial statement in Committee of Supply." The solution was jumped at, and it has produced a revolution in the House. The financial debate was limited to under a fortnight. Members wailed incessantly at what they termed "the gag," but they made the better speeches for it. Instead of coming into the House with a mass of matter and discoursing loosely upon it, rushing off at a tangent in some fresh direction at every interjection, they began to prepare their speeches carefully and make some effort to condense them. The result was better speeches. But some of them—and Ministers were the greatest sinners—attempted a system of compression rather than condensation. Instead of their customary oratorical trot of two or three hours, they tried a furious gallop of one. Strange to say, too, the speakers who needed the restraint least are those who felt it most. Captain Russell and Sir Robert Stout are models of directness and brevity. Yet the mere consciousness of a time limit has disconcerted them since. Captain Russell is short-sighted and cannot see the clock, and so when, as leader of the Opposition, he has been making an important speech since, he has had a friend on either side, watch in hand, and has shown nervous anxiety to know how the minutes were passing. On one occasion a friendly Minister aided by crying from across the floor of the House "20 minutes to 9," "10 minutes to 9," and so on, as though the courteous captain were a pedestrian matched against time, or a fasting man hungrily waiting for the hour when his long-deferred meal was approaching. Sir Robert Stout is not short-sighted, neither is he oratorically long-winded. Yet he, too, was sorely disconcerted. By the side of the Speaker there is an ordinary table bell, which the Speaker, or Chairman, touches five minutes before the limit is reached as a warning, and again when the limit has come as a signal to the orator to sit down. And that bell is now a frequent sound in the House. But taking them for all in all, the new orders, and especially the time limit, have worked much good.

The Minister for Lands has concocted an elaborate "Newspaper Libel Limitation Bill." For years past the New Zealand press has been labouring under the incubus of a most antiquated and extraordinary libel law, long since obsolete elsewhere, which simply protected the libeller and the blackmailer and afforded annoyance to the honest man. Time and again has a bill to assimilate the English and New Zealand laws of libel passed the Upper House, only to be stonewalled in the Lower by members with a grudge against the press. This year, however, the Premier faithfully promised that it would be introduced early in the Lower House, and passed through, when it would be certain to pass the Upper Chamber. This promise was made to the Journalists' Institute, in writing. Judge, therefore, of the amazement of the New Zealand public and press when some enterprising specials unearthed the fact that the Minister for Lands had prepared an extraordinary Libel Bill, which he claimed in the House "would put an end to all libel." The bill was originally a pretentious measure, but it was whittled down by his colleagues until it was but the shadow of its former self. But what a shadow! It is now a short bill which provides that every paragraph containing comment must have attached and printed with it the full name and address of the writer! The absurdity of this was immediately pointed out, and it was shown that a newspaper would soon resemble a directory, with every "local" and every telegram signed. But the bill provides heavy penalties against everyone concerned for every failure to do this, and enacts that the absence of a name to a paragraph shall be regarded as sufficient evidence of malice in all actions for libel. All correspondence will have to be signed if this precious bill passes, and "Junius," "Old Subscriber," "Pro Bono Publico," and the rest will find their employment gone. The publication of the measure has brought upon the devoted head of its author a storm of ridicule from end to end of the colony. Meanwhile the New Zealand Institute of Journalists has called a special meeting to consider the position.

TO BRING BACK PROSPERITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—What an age of fads this is! Every man with a definite opinion which he sets forth with enthusiasm is called a faddist by his neighbours, and he is straightway supposed to be done with. It has been supposed by some that nations were saved by enthusiasm, as the first seeds of decay are denoted by apathy; but probably the people who supposed that were faddists. However that may be, our enthusiastic friends—the advocates of a tax on the unimproved land values—seem to be regarded as a body of men dangerous to the State; they would probably be treated with contempt and contumely and placed without the pale of civilisation were they not so numerous. On the other hand, some men who claim to be just ordinarily thoughtful see in these land-taxers and their doctrines the only safeguard against what is called, but what is not, socialism, and that lower depth of desperation, anarchy. It seems but yesterday that a certain philosopher advocated a tax on "unearned increment," and the passing of laws for loosening the grip of the dead hand. That radical philosopher is looked upon now as one of the conservative forces of the past, and were he left alone by the preachers, the memorials of him would be looked for among the great respectabilities of the age. In a few years a similar fate will, probably, befall those whom we are now trying to muzzle as faddists. In the meantime they are very much alive. The weakest point of the doctrine of the single-taxers seems to be their promise to tax us into prosperity. In this they evidently promise too much. To tax people for their own good seems to have proved a failure; to tax people for other people's good, would be an injustice, but to tax a value created by the people appears to be the fairest tax of all, so long as it does not go into retaliation; but neither such a tax nor any other will bring back prosperity any more than a man may lift himself up—however much he may tax his strength—by taking hold of the handles of the basket in which he stands.

Another fad is the one for bringing the good times back by turning us all into the class of first producers. It is questionable whether we should really be more prosperous or more happy if we all became producers and, carrying our own goods to market, when we could find one, should do away with all middlemen, all those clerks and other of the office fellows who wear black coats and do nothing but sit scribbling in books all day long. But even if it should be better that we should all turn farmers the fact that so many of us know nothing about farming and so many of us have not the means of putting into practice what little we do know, is an obstacle. Certainly, loans at cheap rates might keep us going until we had learned something. We have heard of selectors who lived on advances and found it easier to hold forth in the nearest hotel about the wickedness of men who brought produce, even from other colonies, to their own doors cheaper than they could grow it, than to make serious attempts at farming. Some of these now find themselves harassed by the interest on those advances. No doubt they would be glad to get more liberal advances at lower rates. A Credit Foncier movement would probably be popular with many selectors. It would be a long trip to follow all the fads for bringing back prosperity. I will take a shorter cut and advance a few of my own. What is this prosperity we want to bring back? Is it an opportunity to speculate in future values such as we had a few years ago? We have probably more land pegged out than would be needed by a population as great as that of London, and those who are arithmetically inclined may make calculations as to the period when so many allotments will be really needed. Shall we be more prosperous when vendors of scrip have many clients, when our bookmakers need not spend their time fleecing each other and in hunting the keepers of totalisators? When our hotel-keepers need not cultivate civility to their customers? When our unfortunates—but we will let that pass. These are the usual signs of prosperity, as she is known. Do we wish to have them in strong evidence again? Most of us will say No. What we want is to see those who are willing to work fully and happily employed. But people cannot always be fully and happily employed. As after a week of hard work there needs to be a day of rest, so there will always be after a period of energy a period of relaxation.

As a means of arriving at the true cause of prosperity, let me ask what has been our mainstay during the depression we have had? Have those large financial institutions, which look so solid and stable as they face our best thoroughfares; or the large public companies whose figures as shown in prospectus look so imposing; or our breweries, our hotels, our racecourses, or the office of our stock and share brokers; have these, or any of them, helped us? Has our mainstay not been in those hopeful, industrious, thrifty men who, when times were good, worked hard and took care of their savings—who prepared against the evil day, and in the evil day they have been the backbone which has held up the country? Prosperity will come again through hopefulness, through industry, through thrift. As an example of the power of hopefulness, let us look at that well-worked place, for example, New Zealand. A few years ago the people there were gloomy pessimists. When a man landed there he was confronted with long faces, proclaiming his and their indebtedness. He was shown the amount of public, national, and municipal indebtedness, while private indebtedness was said to be beyond calculation. If he could get away from the debt-ridden place he did so; if he could not, he remained and joined in the chorus. They talked the place down, but they have learned something since then, and now they are talking it up, and up it seems to go.

To speak of industry as a means of bringing back prosperity savours too much of copybook wisdom; but we too often forget our copybooks. What is more depressing than to look at a man with listless eyes and hands hanging down? What strengthens a man so soon as seeing another man hard at work? The industrious man fills his neighbour with emulation. It will be said that is all very fine, but show us what we are to be industrious about? About the first thing that presents itself. The resources of this favoured land have been too often enumerated to be recapitulated here. The active industrious man who loves his home and his country will find one of those resources, and, placing his energy against it, will ply it for all it is worth. It would be as unwise as it would be unprofitable for us all to try to get into one branch of industry, even into that of first producers; but whatever we do we shall have to do with all our might, if it is to pay. As for thrift—well we have probably been the most extravagant people on the face of the earth, and we have the results before us. An essay on "Thrift" might be profitable reading, but there is hardly room for one here. It must suffice to say that without thrift all hopefulness and all energy is wasted. With hopefulness, with industry, and with thrift we may soon win back prosperity. With prosperity we shall probably again fall back into our old habits. To keep prosperity with us long we shall need to cultivate many virtues. We seem sometimes to have reached that pitch of worldly wisdom from which, as we look down, virtue seems but weakness. The self-indulgent man looks strong and flourishing until the livid hue and the alcoholic bloom appear. The man of self-restraint is sneered at, but the race of life is his. The man of strife and bounce lives for a time, but the peacemaker lives for ever. True prosperity will come when we have equal laws; when personal honour and personal honesty are placed before brave show; when men may be sober without being jeered at. He who honestly wishes for true and lasting prosperity must cultivate in himself and inculcate in others those virtues set forth in the sermon preached long ago, when we were shown the qualities needed by those who would inherit the earth with blessings.

I am, &c., J. M.

INDUSTRIAL AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With reference to the sub-leader of yesterday, re C. P. Act, the writer of the article has evidently not carefully studied the question as to good done to the lads of the criminal class by placing them on the Sobraon to mix with those sent there as neglected. I believe the number on board the ship averages over 300, and he admits that over 72 of these were criminal. Has he taken into account the moral effect 72 would have on the other 228? Is it not a well-known fact that the tendency of the evil-disposed is to make others the same, and is it at all likely that by placing a bad lad under the discipline of the ship he will be reformed? A repressed devil is always the most dangerous, and what the lads are afraid to do under the eye of the officer it may be relied on they will do when his presence is withdrawn. A magistrate should most certainly hesitate before sending any neglected child to mix with criminals.

Mr. Guillaume, the late Secretary of the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Department, Victoria, told the writer that the training-ship of that colony was abolished because of the vice existing amongst the lads, which no amount of watchfulness could prevent. Are the New South Wales lads better than those of Victoria? The evil of this association of the criminal with the neglected lads so impressed itself upon the mind of the present secretary, Mr. T. Millar, of the Victorian Department, that about two years ago he did away with the barrack system of reformatory schools altogether, closed the Ballarat Reformatory for Boys, and placed the lads on four farms in various parts of the colony (Messrs. Wiseman Bros.' two farms Olinda and Ferndale, Wandin, the Salvation Army farm at Heidelberg, and Mr. Groom's Working Home for Lads, at Brighton), the Government paying 10s per week per lad for maintenance and all expenses. It would be far preferable for such a system to be introduced here than to go on year after year paying expensive officers to uphold what in their inmost hearts they must know is wrong. I am not writing so much against the ship Sobraon as against the whole system of barrack-life for these lads. If it were found to be wrong for the Victorian lads, why not for those of New South Wales?

I am, &c.,
August 23. J. E. B.

The Home Secretary has certified that the processes of tinning and enamelling hollow ware and cooking utensils are dangerous and injurious to health. Under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, the right hon. gentleman has rescinded the order issued in December, 1882, affecting foundries in which brass mixing or brass casting is carried on.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

NOTES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

THE COLONIES AND THE DEATH DUTIES.

The Budget Bill passed the House of Commons on 17th July. The chief alterations made by it in the death duties are (1) the equalisation of the duties payable on real property (i.e. land) and personal property (i.e. money, stocks, shares in companies, &c.), and (2) the graduation of the rate of duty according to the total amount of property left by the deceased. Two other changes of importance are that duty is henceforward to be paid on settled property as well as unsettled, and on property situate abroad as well as in England. With regard to colonial property the *Daily Chronicle* (18th July) says:—

"Hitherto probate duty has only been levied on property locally situate in the United Kingdom, and the property of a deceased Englishman situate abroad, such as foreign and colonial stocks and shares, has escaped taxation altogether, except that on passing under his will or intestacy to a beneficiary in this country it has paid legacy or succession duty. At the time the probate duty was first imposed the amount of foreign property held by Englishmen was probably inconsiderable, but with the advance of the colonies during the present century it has become too large to escape the eye of a Chancellor of the Exchequer anxious to increase the revenue. Such property will now not only be included in the estate for the purpose of determining the rate of account duty, but will also itself pay such duty. It must not be imagined, as has been stated, that the imposition of this tax involves the taxation of the colonists by the Imperial Parliament. A colonist, so long as he remains such, will not pay estate duty on his property situate in the colonies, but only on his property situate here, like any other other foreigner, just as he has hitherto paid probate duty on such property. Of course, if he acquires a domicile in this country—*i.e.*, ceases to be a colonist, and becomes an Englishman—his colonial property will become liable to the duty just as that of any other Englishmen. The idea that colonists were going to be taxed seems to have arisen from confusing colonists who have become domiciled in England with colonists properly so called. This proposal to tax foreign property of an English testator is liable to the obvious objection that such property may be already liable to taxation in the foreign country where it is situate, just as English property of a foreigner is taxable here, and thus will incur a double duty. In the case of property situate elsewhere than in the British possessions such will be the case under the bill, and consequently to this extent there will be less inducement to an English investor to invest his money in such countries. But in order to avoid this result in the case of British possessions, the bill provides that on paying the estate duty here, any duty which has been paid in the colony on the same property may be deducted. Such a concession can only be made to a colony granting the same privilege to property of her citizens situate in the mother country, and consequently it will only apply to colonies which pass a law to that effect."

MAX O'RELL ON AUSTRALIA.

Max O'Rell has an article in the *Revue de Paris*, entitled "In Australia," in which he contrasts the political system of the colonies with that of the United States. Australia is a political reproduction of England. England is a republic with an hereditary president, purely constitutional. America is an autocracy, with an elected monarch invested with power almost as absolute as that of the Czar. There is nothing American in the Australian Constitution, nor, in the opinion of M. Blouet, is there any likelihood of Canada becoming a part of the United States. "I have travelled all over the world, and I have lived in England and in the two great republics of France and America, and I have arrived at the conviction that there exists on our planet only one people perfectly free politically and socially, and that is the English. The love of liberty and independence is so firmly rooted in, that when it establishes a colony it cannot conceive it otherwise than free and independent." The sovereign of Australia (continues Max O'Rell) is neither the Queen, nor the Governor nominated by her, nor the members of Parliament elected by the people, nor the Ministers chosen by the Parliament; the lord and master of Australia is the workman. Unfortunately he does not profit by the opportunity, and he takes care that others shall not do so. He is lazy, drunken, a sieve—thinking only of his own pleasures and taking no interest in the development of his country. He vegetates in the great towns whilst the country is crying for hands. He would do well to imitate the Chinaman whom he despises.

THE NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT.

There is much speculation (says a Paris correspondent of the London *Figaro*) as to the character that life at the Elysée will take under the presidency of M. Casimir-Perier—whether it will recall the splendours of the Empire and the régime of Marshal MacMahon, or whether it will favour the quieter and less pretentious procedure of M. Carnot. The straws point in the direction of the former, seeing that M. Casimir-Perier has appointed both a military and a civil household, the one for the regulation of State and other functions, the other for State business proper. The new President has a mind of his own in these matters, and he has already shown that he does not intend to be bound down by the rigid regulations of the Protocol, but to arrange official etiquette according to his own ideas. He followed the funeral of President Carnot from the Elysée to the Pantheon, an act which was entirely without precedent, and now he has created another by calling personally upon each of the Ambassadors of Foreign Powers. His predecessors never visited the Embassies except when officially invited, so that their Excellencies were surprised, and agreeably so, by this infraction of etiquette. It was a popular move on the part of one who evidently intends to make himself a popular President. The figure of M. Casimir-Perier has, in fact, already been dramatised and put upon the stage. He is made the hero of a sensational drama which has been produced at the Alcazar in Marseilles, and called "Une Page d'Histoire"—a page of history. An episode in the war in 1870, in which M. Casimir-Perier figured most prominently, has been taken hold of and developed. The President is pictured in a character which he held 24 years ago in the war against Germany—that of captain of reserves at the fight at Bagneux, when, under a riddling fire, he rushed to snatch the body of Commander Dampierre, who had been mortally wounded, from the hands of the enemy. At the end there is an apotheosis representing M. Casimir-Perier as President of the Republic, and in the background the shade of Carnot reclining upon the breast of a figure impersonating France in mourning.

PNEUMATIC ROLLER SKATES.

In Fleet-street and Ludgate Hill on 19th July a young man propelled himself on what appeared to be gigantic roller skates constructed on the pneumatic principle. Instead of small wooden rollers, his skates (if they may be so described) had each four great wheels with pneumatic tyres, and were as large as a good sized dinner-plate. They were fastened to his feet with strong straps, and appeared both clumsy and uncomfortable. The pedestrian skater managed, however, to get along with wonderful ease and rapidity, and his progress was watched with interest as he steered his way through the street traffic. The invention is quite a recent one.

MESSRS. DAVID JONES AND CO.

THEIR NEW PREMISES.

Notwithstanding the commercial depression that has hung over Sydney for some time past, and has not yet fully lifted, the well-known and old-established firm of Messrs. David Jones and Co., of George-street, have found it necessary to provide increased facilities for the transaction of their already extensive business. Their handsome premises at the corner of George and Barrack streets proving too limited for their trade, the firm recently secured the fine and commodious building adjoining on the south side in George-street, and connected it with their former premises by making large doorways through the walls, securing both buildings against danger of fire from either one by large iron fireproof doors. The recent accession gives the firm a total frontage to George-street of 141ft., and of 132ft. to Barrack-street. When the fact is taken into consideration that the buildings contain four floors, and that it occupies the watchman over an hour in going his rounds, some idea may be formed of the immensity of the space that is occupied. The occupation of the new premises has necessitated several changes in arrangement of goods, all tending to the comfort and convenience of customers. For instance, on the ground floor, the approach to which is from George-street, is the lace department; also ribbons, parasols, haberdashery, hosiery, and Manchester drapery, &c., while the "Orient" clothing for all ages has "overflowed" into the new premises. On this floor also are the silks, dresses and trimmings, gentlemen's mercery, and travelling requisites. On the first floor a very beneficial rearrangement has been made by removing the clerks' offices. These have now been located at the rear, and have a separate approach. This change has enabled the management to fit up a very extensive promenade showroom, besides affording scope for the ladies' outfitting and millinery departments, art draperies, &c., and the tailoring department. The second floor has been devoted to ladies' costumes, with private fitting-rooms, having mirrors ranged round the walls. On this floor also are the upholstery, furnishings, &c. The third floor is occupied by the workers from the different departments. The goods in bulk are kept in the basement, where, likewise, are the despatch and entering rooms. There is communication between the different floors by speaking-tubes, and, beside the easy staircases, access from top to bottom of the new building, as in the older premises, is gained by means of lifts. Nothing would appear to have been omitted that would minister to the comfort of customers. The two buildings have been made virtually one, so that visitors passing from department to department are really unaware that they are passing from one building to another. The premises throughout are perfectly lighted and ventilated.

PACKING WET WOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—For the information of "One Interested," and of an anonymous sender by this morning's post of the letter addressed to you on the 17th instant by the writer using the above signature, I beg to state that it is my invariable custom when wet wool comes under my notice to draw the attention of the wool-selling brokers to the fact. My impression is that if I kept my remarks to myself the wool-selling brokers would be much better pleased. I am, &c.,

August 23. HENRY AUSTIN.

DEPUTATIONS.

A PHARMACY BILL.

A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.

Yesterday a large deputation from the New South Wales Pharmacy Board was introduced to the Premier, Mr. G. H. Reid, by Mr. Molesworth, M.L.A., to ask that the Government would, at the earliest possible moment, introduce a pharmacy bill.

Mr. MOLESWORTH said that the board made its request, not simply on its own account, but in the interest of the general public. There were certain disabilities under which the members of the profession laboured in consequence of defects in the law governing the business of a chemist and druggist; it was also owing to the same defects that the other colonies took retaliatory steps to prevent New South Wales chemists from practising outside. There was danger to the general health of the public on account of lax regulations, for there was nothing here to prevent any person whatsoever from opening a chemist's shop and dispensing drugs absolutely injurious to health. A draft bill had been prepared by the board, and this had been submitted to various Ministers, and approved in the main, but owing to changes of Government and press of public business nothing had been done in the matter.

Mr. R. T. BELLAMY explained the history of the agitation for reform since its inception, and pointed to the grave danger of allowing things to go on at the present rate.

Mr. W. T. PINHEY also urged immediate attention to the matter. He said that a bill of this kind would probably meet with opposition from certain chemists who were practising at the present time illegally, but that was only to be expected.

It was also pointed out that this was the only civilised community on the face of the earth known to be without a pharmacy bill.

Mr. REID said that the case was simply one of a large number of instances in which the laws of this country were entirely out of harmony with the requirements of the age—a case of neglected legislation which had afflicted the colony for many years past, and he had always had a very keen sense of the way in which the public had been neglected in matters of this kind. He wished to avoid the mistakes of those who had gone before him, and one of those mistakes, which seemed to him to have been largely accountable for this state of things, was the fact that Governments had not laid down for a given period a reasonable programme. They had tried to do too much and promise too much, with the result that everything had been thrown into confusion. He did not want to ask Parliament to do what was impossible in one session, and the Government felt so sensible of the urgent and pressing matters of importance waiting to be dealt with that they proposed to ask Parliament to have a very long session to start with—to subordinate the convenience of members and the Government to the crying interests of the public. They would therefore ask Parliament to support them in their determination to grapple with some of the most pressing questions of the day. It would be impossible to do that if the session was to close at Christmas, and consequently they proposed to carry the session on into the next year. This programme would exactly fit in with the suggestion he wished to make, that the sessions of Parliament should be held at a different time of the year. But before they could make many of the reforms such as that suggested by the deputation; there were more important matters to be dealt with. At the same time he had a very lively sense of the dangers to which the public must be exposed in the absence of a proper pharmacy Act. The poor of the community were absolutely at the mercy of men who carried on business as druggists and chemists. He would therefore place the draft bill before the Cabinet and would endeavour to find a corner for it. He was also going to submit to the Cabinet a proposal of a somewhat similar nature—he meant with reference to the Medical Bill. He had not gone so far as those who were responsible for the bill before, and it seemed to him, speaking as an individual member of the Government, that the only Medical Bill which would be likely to pass this Parliament, and the only one of which he was in favour, was an Act which would penalise the assumption of false medical titles. (Hear, hear.) So long as there was no assumption of false medical titles there was no imposition on the public. That was his idea of a medical bill, and he was going to see if he could not pass a short measure of one clause to make this great reform. He believed it would pass. He would try to find room for a pharmacy bill and a medical bill this session, but he could make no definite promise. He hoped to find a spirit pervading the new Assembly which would ensure the co-operation of every member in trying to overtake the vast arrears of public business.

IS TANNING A NOXIOUS TRADE?

Mr. W. M'Millan, M.L.A., with Messrs. Stephen, Anderson, and Chapman, M's.L.A., introduced a deputation of tanners to the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Reid, yesterday, to bring under notice some grievances which they feel under the new Noxious Trades Act.

Mr. M'MILLAN said that the deputation represented the committee of the Tanners' Association, and they desired to point out that their business was not necessarily a noxious trade in the real sense of the word. They had carried on their industry without inconvenience to the surrounding neighbourhood, and were amenable to municipal government, which was sufficient protection for the public against a nuisance. They also felt that, if the Act was to be enforced in its entirety, they would have to erect new places of business at enormous cost. They asked that certain clauses affecting the tanners should be revoked by the Government.

Mr. LULAND urged that there were three principal grounds upon which they based their claims for exemption from the operations of the Act:—(1) That the tanners' business had practically not been objected to by the public as a nuisance; (2) that the whole agitation against the noxious trades had been directed against the boiling-down establishments; and (3) that the municipal bylaws were sufficiently stringent to meet all the requirements of the case.

Mr. Thomas Forsyth (president of the Tanners' Association) and other members of the deputation also spoke.

Mr. REID, in reply, said that the deputation had made out a very strong case, which he would deem it his duty to inquire into without any delay. He must, of course, give the Board of Health an opportunity of reporting on the subject; but the main principle which would guide him would be this—that every trade in the country should be left as free as the air of heaven, so long as there was no question of affecting the public health or morals. Once let it be shown to him that the public health would not be affected in this case, and they would very soon see a proclamation issued exempting the tanneries from the operation of the Act. He would make inquiries into the matter, and within seven days they might expect a reply from him as to the decision he had come to.

WEST BALMAIN POST-OFFICE.

A deputation representing the residents of West Balmain waited upon the Minister for Works (Mr. J. H. Young, M.L.A.) yesterday, for the purpose of asking him to sanction the addition of a tower to the new Balmain West Post-office, now in course of erection. Mr. S. J. Law, M.L.A., introduced the deputation, which consisted of Alderman Swan (Mayor of Balmain), Alderman Chidgey, Alderman Cullen Ward, Alderman Milne, Rev. George Grimm, Mr. Peter M'Laughlin, and Mr. Morgan.

The MAYOR of BALMAIN said that the building now in course of erection at the corner of Darling-road and Weston-road was a handsome one, but unless a tower were added it would have a very squatty appearance. A tower could be erected much cheaper before the completion of the building than afterwards, and £400 would cover the whole cost.

Other members of the deputation also spoke.

Mr. LAW, M.L.A., presented a petition, signed by 600 residents of the locality, praying that a tower with provision for a clock might be added. He said the work had been sanctioned, but it now seemed that the proposal had been abandoned. He might point out that a sum of £2000 was placed on the Estimates for the erection of the post-office, but the work had only cost £1830. The surplus, with £250 from the advance account, would pay for the cost of construction. The site was one of the most valuable in Balmain, and was on the road to 20 important districts.

The MINISTER, in reply, said the matter was more complicated than appeared to the deputation. If he had funds at his disposal he would be in a better position to give a definite reply. It was true that £2000 had been voted for the building, and that the work had been done for £1817; but it was estimated that the balance would be absorbed in extras and fittings. He found that the addition had been sanctioned by the last Government on the 9th June, but on the 24th July Mr. Lyne had appended a minute to the effect that as the Treasurer's advance account was so low, the matter should stand over. The erection of a tower could only be paid for out of the Treasurer's advance account. It was utterly impossible for him to sanction the work out of that fund. A Minister for Works had control over his own department, but he would have to consult his colleagues in a matter like that. What they had to consider was whether the Government would be justified in carrying out the work without sanction of Parliament, and, secondly, whether the Treasurer's advance account at the present time could possibly stand it. The Treasurer's advance account was very low. He might tell them that the money voted by Parliament for the dredge service of the whole colony would run out this month, and either dredging would have to be discontinued or paid for out of the Treasurer's advance account. If the latter course were taken it would absorb a large proportion of the balance of the account. He promised to consult his colleagues on the matter.

DOUBLE BAY SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A deputation representing the Municipal Council of Woollahra, and consisting of Alderman Magney (Mayor of Woollahra), Alderman David Davis (member of the Water and Sewerage Board), and Mr. J. T. Haycroft (borough engineer), waited upon the Minister for Public Works (Mr. J. H. Young, M.L.A.) yesterday, to urge the immediate completion of the Double Bay sewerage scheme by connecting the low-lying districts with the main sewer.

Mr. ADRIAN KNOX, M.L.A., who introduced the deputation, said that the work was necessary to preserve the health of the residents. The main sewer had been constructed, but the offshoots had not yet been laid. There was a good deal of sickness in the district, and the work was one of urgent necessity. The low-lying portion of the district should be properly drained. He had been informed that the money had been voted for the work, and if that was so he trusted that the Minister would see his way clear to carry out either the whole of the work or some portion of it.

The MAYOR of WOOLLAHRA said that the place referred to had, comparatively speaking, no fall whatever. The borough council could not see its way clear to spend money for sewerage work when this scheme was in course of construction. The work was a productive one, and would pay from the start. It would be useless to direct the sewerage to the bay, as there was no tidal influence, and the sewage would be thrown on the beach. If something was not done there would be a great increase of sickness in the summer months.

Alderman DAVID DAVIS said that the Water and Sewerage Board, of which he was a member, recognised the importance of the completion of this work. The Council of Woollahra had spent a considerable sum of money in cleansing the streets and deodorisation, but their efforts to preserve health whilst the evil was allowed to exist were useless. Dr. Quaife and other medical men had said that the drainage of the low-lying districts was an urgent matter.

The MINISTER, in reply, said that it was true that the sum of £10,000 had been placed on the Estimates and voted for the purpose. They were simply waiting in order to ascertain the best possible way to carry out the work. It appeared to be a new kind of work altogether. In these low-lying levels sewage matter would have to be led into a receptacle, and then pumped into the higher sewer. Mr. Hickson had informed him that they were simply waiting for the return of an engineer from England, who would give them valuable assistance in regard to pumping arrangements. Mr. Hickson also said that it was most important that they should secure the best and latest designs. He recognised the importance of the work, and the scheme would be completed as soon as possible. In the meantime any work which could be done would be pushed forward.

The deputation thanked the Minister and withdrew.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Mr. Coghlan, the Government Statistician, reports that the question of whether a friendly society possesses in law the power to amend its rules for the purpose of increasing contributions or reducing benefits is causing considerable agitation amongst the members of these organisations. The annual report of the Registrar, published a few months ago, showed that a large number of the friendly societies in New South Wales were in a very unsatisfactory financial condition; indeed, the statement was there made that only two of the societies had an adequate scale of contributions applying to all their lodges, and the necessity for taking immediate action to place their affairs on a sound actuarial basis was strongly urged upon the officials of the various bodies. A disposition to effect the needed reforms has already evinced itself, and the result is that certain orders are taking steps to either reduce their benefits or increase their payments. But here disputes have cropped up. A number of old members, who have for lengthy periods been paying certain contributions toward securing benefits specified in the rules, object to have these benefits curtailed, and, indeed, express the opinion that it is illegal on the part of a society to do such a thing. At first sight, Mr. Coghlan says, it may seem hard that an old member, now that he may be approaching the time when he will require the assistance of his society, should find a curtailment made in the benefits for which he has nominally paid so long; but it is contended on behalf of those who are trying to improve the conditions into which friendly societies have fallen, that if a man has paid 3d towards securing certain benefits which can only actuarially be obtained by the payment of 6d it is no injustice to him to have such benefits reduced by 50 per cent., but, on the contrary, if the alteration be not made when the fact is pointed out to the society he stands a chance of receiving nothing at all through the insolvency of the order. At any rate, there is no doubt that the societies have the power to make such alterations in their financial rules as they may deem proper, and as may be approved of by the Registrar. Recent decisions given in England make the law perfectly clear on this point. The first case—Rich v. United Christian Sick and Burial Society—was decided by the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Great Britain—a barrister charged by the law with the settlement of matters of dispute referred to him—on the 17th May, 1892. Here the claimant, who had been one of the founders of the society in 1864, was entitled to 15 weeks' full pay and 15 weeks' half pay by the rules as originally passed. The funds of the society appearing upon a valuation to be largely deficient, an amendment was made and registered on 17th June, 1891, reducing the terms of full and half pay to 10 weeks each. In October of the same year Rich declared on the funds, and when his 10 weeks' full pay had expired, he claimed to be entitled to a continuance of full pay for five weeks longer on the ground that the society could not alter its contract with him without his consent. The Registrar held that the amendment of 1891 applied to Rich, who was therefore not entitled as claimed, and awarded costs against him. In the Court of Queen's Bench two cases having reference to the liability of old members were decided on appeal in January, 1891. In the first case—Stoke v. Mutual Provident Alliance—it was held by the Judge that as the contract provided that the members should be bound by rules made from time to time, the plaintiff was bound by the new rules. In the second case, Dixon v. Thompson, which was an appeal from a decision of the arbitration committee, the appeal was dismissed on the ground that members by the rules were subject to any amendments which might be made, and, an amendment of the general laws of the society (the A.O.F.) having been registered, such amendment applied to all members whether in receipt of benefit or not at the time the registration was made.

A PLEA FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If there is one subject more than another which apparently affords inexhaustible material for writers in the public press to air their opinions upon, in terms more or less emphatic, it is that of the Civil Service, its condition, its wants, and its alleged deficiencies. There are, no doubt, good and sufficient reasons for the rule which prohibits Civil servants from answering press criticisms, even when those criticisms may be unfair and inaccurate; and though it is not my intention, did I even possess the necessary information, to enter the lists as the champion of a much-maligned body of men, still, on the principle of *audi alteram partem*, I would direct attention to an aspect of the matter which, although it will probably commend itself to every impartial mind, has, nevertheless, in my opinion, been somewhat overlooked.

Owing to the operations of government having been extended in this country to enterprises which elsewhere are usually undertaken by private individuals, and owing also to our possessing a vast public estate, which in the interests of settlement is administered with almost prodigal liberality, we have of necessity an exceptionally large Civil Service. It may even be larger than circumstances demand, but for present purposes that need not be discussed. What we have to regard is the actual work performed by the Civil Service, which is nothing, more or less, than the carrying out of the whole of the complicated duties undertaken by the State—the protection of life and property, the handling of the public revenue and expenditure, the education of the young, and, in short, the practical exercise of all those functions which affect the national life of the community.

In connection with the performance of these transcendently important functions, the point to which I wish to draw special and most serious attention is the danger, through what I might term the system of terrorism which seems to be springing into existence, of so demoralising and exasperating this army of public servants as to "Americanise" instead of purifying it—a result we surely do not wish to accomplish. We must recollect that someone must do the enormous amount of work which has to be done—it cannot be left undone, as many seem to suppose—and, if there are drones in the service, the majority consists of working bees, of which I do not hesitate to say any of the colonies might well be proud. Public criticism, however, ignores this fact entirely. At the present time, unless dire necessity compelled it, few honourable, self-respecting men, familiar with the abuse, the indignities, and the slanders which would become part of their inheritance, would dream of entering the service, and few of the present officials, with a spark of spirit, would think of remaining in it did their means permit of relief by resignation. It is no exaggeration to say that the prevailing style of comment has been to direct attention to the Civil Service as a highly-favoured, idle, and overpaid section of the community, and that it has been held up in turn to the envy, hatred, and malice of other classes, without the slightest regard to the well-known fact that the easiest way to make a faithful servant faithless is to treat him with ridicule and contempt. In public matters, however, the interests at stake are too great to allow of this course being pursued; and if the body of men who constitute the Civil Service, and who are as a rule men worthy of trust, industrious, and not overpaid, are to be abandoned by those in authority to the cheap gibes and misrepresentations of responsible and irresponsible critics, there can only be one ultimate result, and that one disastrous to the true welfare of the country.

The whole question is one to be calmly considered and decided in a fair judicial spirit, and the remedy for any defects in the present system is, I think, not far to seek. First, the abolition of political patronage; secondly, a search for the drones. In connection with the latter, I have not much faith in Parliamentary inquiry by commission. The country has been more or less governed by committees, and has dearly paid for it. The system is a distinctive feature of Australian Parliamentary practice, and a popular one, seeing that it adds to the emoluments of members. Let us try what a commission composed of the heads of departments (who, surely, are to be trusted) would do, assisted, perhaps, by one or two competent outsiders, their action being secured against political influence. I am, &c.,

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I am one who entirely endorses the remarks of "Workingman," that the Civil servants should only be paid according to the commercial value of the work they perform instead of, as is now the case, paying them continually increasing salaries for merely routine clerical work, while outside the Government service the same work would be done for half the money. I, like a good many more business men, have to keep my brains going, as well as my hands, both day and night, and yet cannot command anything like the salary of hundreds of Civil servants of the class I speak of, whom I have to subscribe to to support. There is plenty of scope for Mr. Reid to earn the gratitude of the taxpayers in this direction, and I for one sincerely hope he will do something to bring the cost of conducting the Government business somewhere near the mark.

I am, &c., STRUGGLER.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Up to 5 p.m. to-day nominations will be received by the secretary, Mr. George W. S. Rowe, for the following items on the card for the pony and galloway meeting to be held at Warwick Farm on Wednesday next:—Flying Handicap of 35 sovs. (14.2), 5 furlongs; Tiny Handicap of 30 sovs. (13.2), 4 furlongs; Pony Handicap of 30 sovs. (14), 5 furlongs; Miniature Handicap of 10 sovs. (13.3), 5 furlongs; Welter Handicap of 35 sovs. (14.1), lowest weight 7st 7lb, 5 furlongs; and Warwick Handicap of 40 sovs. (14.2), 1 mile.

While exercising on the training track at Rosehill yesterday the racing mare Bedtime met with injuries which resulted in her death. It appears that one of the stirrup-leathers broke, and, having parted company with her rider, the mare galloped along the track, and her owner (Mr. Warn) tried to stop her, whereupon she swerved, and essayed to jump the fence, but struck it heavily, and, coming down, injured her back so badly that she died shortly afterwards. Bedtime, who was by Goso from Forty Winks, was recently purchased by Mr. G. N. Warn, whose colours she carried to victory on Saturday last in the Flying Handicap at Canterbury Park. The loss to Mr. Warn is a serious one, as the mare was in splendid form.

Lex out of the Kogarah Stakes and Royal Rose out of the Bay View Handicap are the scratchings notified at the office yesterday in connection with the Moorefield Second August Meeting, which takes place to-morrow.

Mr. George Kiss announces through our business columns that at noon on Monday next he will offer for public competition the privileges in connection with Tattersall's Spring Meeting, to be held at Randwick on the 1st proximo.

A trotting and race meeting will be held at Lillie Bridge this afternoon. There are five races on the card. Entries will also close for the meetings to be held on Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening next.

It must not be forgotten that at 5 p.m. to-day entries for the undermentioned events on the programme for the pony and galloway meeting to be held at Kensington on Thursday next close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara:—Fourteen-three Handicap, a handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Thirteen-three Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 4 furlongs; Fourteen-one Handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Fourteen Hands Handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 4½ furlongs; Fourteen-two Welter Handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, lowest weight 7st 7lb, 4½ furlongs; and Kensington Handicap (15.0) of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile.

The death of the expatriated Maxim is reported from California, where the son of the famous Musket and Realisation has been located for some four years past. The progeny of Maxim are highly fancied in America.

The price paid by Mr. W. T. Jones for the Caulfield Cup favourite, Capstan, was £1500.

The Brisbane racehorse, Booval, who performed so creditably at Eagle Farm recently, has been treated to a short spell.

MORNING GALLOPS.

As if to make amends for the fog which overlapped the course on Tuesday, the weather at Randwick yesterday morning was simply delightful. Giltinan, always eager to begin, sent Ballater and Pharamond a mile, the colt finishing slightly in front in good time. Volney and The Captain worked twice round at half pace, and Tiwoona ran six furlongs at her best. Isolena beat Collarette over the same journey, and Florrie had all her work cut out to beat Right Honorable a mile, while Cumberoona pulled over Iolanthus at the end of six furlongs. Division worked slowly, and Bliss was too good for Quadrant over a smartly-run mile. Clinker was responsible for a smartly-run six furlongs, and Narara finished badly at the end of a mile. Three Star and The Dancer got over three-quarters of a mile in fair time. Cremorne ran a mile in 1.51, but did not finish well. Regina and Novelette jumped off at the 1½-mile post, First Shot joining in a furlong further on, and Betrothed taking a hand during the last six furlongs; a good trial resulted in Regina just beating First Shot, while the other two were a long way out of it. Glendennon showed a clean set of heels to a friend over six furlongs. Oxide easily beat King Orry in the fastest round of the morning. Punchestown ran a strong mile, and Acone got home before Royal Rose at the end of three-quarters of a mile. Nobleman put in a taking mile, but is apparently suffering with his teeth. Juvenile and Mitre had a good battle over three-quarters of a mile, and the former was the first to get home. Checkmate worked at half-pace, Albicore beat Delaware over a mile, and Euroka covered half a mile at a great pace. Escapade beat Reconstruction at the end of a mile. Newman ran over Ogre in a mile and a half bout. Killiecrankie and Sequinius and Blue Cap and Creme d'Or in couples shot over four furlongs. Bungebah and Buccleuch accomplished a starling mile, the big fellow finishing in front. Earnshaw sprinted a batch of two-year-olds. Projectile, Triton, and Chesterman finished together at the end of a solidly run 1¼ mile, and Roundabout, Blarneystone, and Killaloe went 1¼ mile, and finished as named. Sadur strode along for a mile in good form; and Kilmany, Wayward Jack, and Sunstroke came home in that order, after a merry circuit. Monaghan's two-year-olds were spun along for half a mile. Oliver appeared to be too good for Escort at a mile, and shows signs of improvement. Barnaby Rudge and Sir Ewen went half a mile, and The Markee covered six furlongs in good form. Isaac got home before Jeweller at the end of a well-run 1¼ mile, and Launceston was in front of Loyalty at the end of a once-round gallop. Solanum went once round very nicely, and among others that shaped well were Ruenalf, Honour Bright, Ebony, Perseus, E.K., Inspiration, Mirror, Caprice, Guy Fawkes, Couranto, Mutiny, Waterbury, Marjorie, Utter, The Gun, Spartan, Bonnette, Pilot Boy, and Dan O'Connor.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY MEETING.

The weather prospects at noon yesterday were not over-bright for the Kensington Pony and Galloway Meeting, but as the afternoon wore on the rain ceased, and the programme was run through in the presence of a very large assemblage of sporting folk. The running of Little Elsie in the Fourteen Hands Handicap was reviewed by the stewards, who disqualified the mare, owner (J. M'Carty), and rider (G. Smith) for a period of six months. The details of the sport are as under:—

HURDLE RACE, a handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, for all horses 15 hands and under, lowest weight 8st 7lb, 1½ mile.—T. Farrell ns b m Veronica, aged, 10st 2lb (Dunhey), 1; W. Clark's b g Shamrock, aged, 8st 10lb (Hayes), 2; E. Laws's ch m Haselmere, aged, 8st 7lb (St. John), 3. Other starters: Pierott, 10st 7lb; Benjiroo, 10st 6lb; Hurrah, 9st. Betting: Even money on Shamrock, 2 to 1 v. Veronica, 4 to 1 v. Benjiroo, 5 to 1 v. Pierott, 6 to 1 v. Hurrah, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by three lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 3 minutes 1 second.

FOURTEEN-ONE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs from the prize, 4½ furlongs.—F. W. Robinson's ch g F. W., aged, 7st (Robinson), 1; M. Griffin's b m Beda, 6 years or aged, 7st 12lb, including 2lb over (Want), 2; E. Neich's b g Ocean Boy, aged, 7st 10lb (Hayes), 3. Other starters: Cigarette, 8st 10lb; Misteran, 8st 5lb; Little Dorrit, 8st; Peggy, 7st 3lb; Trixie, 7st; Little John, 7st; Five Corner, 6st 12lb, including 2lb over; Bravo, 6st 7lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Peggy, 5 to 2 v. Ocean Boy, 5 to 1 v. Little Dorrit, Cigarette, and Beda, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a length and a half, half a length between second and third. Time, 59½ seconds.

FIFTEEN HANDS WELTER HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, lowest weight 7st 7lb, 4½ furlongs.—S. Want's br m Wilga, 5 years, 7st 12lb (Want), 1; D. Russell ns b m Vesta (late Adelaide), 5 or 6 years, 7st 10lb (G. Smith), 2; E. Freeman ns ch g Rob Roy, 6 years, 7st 12lb (Hayes), 3. Other starters: Mikado, 9st; Cuckoo, 8st 12lb; Lady Duffer, 8st 12lb; Quiz, 8st; Cub, 8st; Cecilia, 7st 7lb; Chesier, 7st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Rob Roy and Vesta, 5 to 1 v. Mikado, Lady Duffer, and Wilga, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a neck, three lengths between second and third. Time, 58½ seconds.

FOURTEEN-TWO HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 4½ furlongs.—M. Denison ns ch m Naughty, 6 years, 8st 3lb (Fewings), 1; F. Pritchard's br m Banana, aged, 6st 7lb (Russell), 2; S. T. Pearce's ch g Slygo, aged, 8st 10lb (Walker), 3. Other starters: Lillydale, 8st 9lb; Guanoco, 8st 5lb; Coquette 8st; Cigarette, 7st 12lb; Currawang, 7st 10lb; Spangle, 7st 8lb, including 1lb over; Starlight, 7st; Eurydice, 7st; Eileen, 6st 12lb; Ocean Boy, 7st 2lb, including 4lb over; Prospect, 6st 13lb, including 1lb over; Minstrel Boy, 6st 10lb; Commodore, 6st 10lb; Water Lily, 6st 9lb, including 1lb over; Exchange, 6st 8lb; Tulip, 6st 7lb; Miss Farewell, 6st 11lb, including 4lb over; Promise, 6st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Naughty and Currawang, 4 to 1 v. Spangle, 7 to 1 v. Slygo, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by three parts of a length, a head between second and third. Time, 58½ seconds.

FOURTEEN HANDS HANDICAP of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 4 furlongs.—J. Cornwell's blk m Ena, 6 years, 8st 7lb (Woodgate), 1; J. M'Carty's b m Little Elsie, aged, 7st 1lb (G. Smith), 2; M. M'Kenzie ns b or b rm Alina, aged, 7st 5lb (Crawford), 3. Other starters: Florrie, 8st 8lb; Autocrat, 8st 4lb; Geelong, 8st 1lb; Merveille, 7st 10lb; Black Swan, 7st 9lb; Pet (late Wild Flower), 7st 13lb, including 8lb over; Susie, 6st 13lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Merveille, 3 to 1 v. Little Elsie, 5 to 1 v. Alina, Black Swan, and Ena, 8 to 1 v. others. Won by half a length, a neck between second and third. Time, 53½ seconds.

KENSINGTON HANDICAP (15.0) of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the prize, 6 furlongs.—E. Freeman ns ch g Rob Roy, 6 years, 7st 2lb, including 4lb over (Hayes), 1; S. T. Pearce's ch g Slygo aged, 8st 1lb (Walker), 2; A. Dorrington ns b or br m Dosey, aged, 6st 12lb (Crawford), 3. Other starters: Madras, 8st 9lb; Firefly, 8st 1lb; Daisy Bell, 8st 1lb; Nina, 7st 12lb; Cuckoo, 7st 12lb; Mikado, 7st 12lb; Lady Duffer, 7st 11lb; Naughty, 8st 3lb, including 7lb penalty; Misteran, 7st 8lb; Confusion, 7st 4lb; Meta, 7st 3lb, including 8lb over; Fraud, 6st 10lb; Muriel, 7st 6lb, including 10lb over; Artemus, 6st 8lb; Young Dudley, 6st 7lb; Violet, 6st 8lb, including 1lb over. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Confusion, 5 to 2 v. Nina, 8 to 1 v. Artemus and Rob Roy, 10 to 1 v. Meta and Naughty. Won by three lengths, a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

LILLIE BRIDGE RACES.

The following are the results of last night's racing at Lillie Bridge:—

PEDESTRIAN HANDICAP, 100 yards.—Final heat: P. James, 16½ yards, 1. Other starters: T. Bourke, 16½ yards; R. D. Layton, 11½ yards; W. Thorn, 11½ yards. Betting: Even money on James, 6 to 4 v. Layton, 2 to 1 v. others. Won by 6in. from Layton.

VISITORS' HANDICAP (12.2½ to 12.3½), 4 furlongs.—Mr. R. Wootten's ch g Sandy, 7st 6lb, 1. Six started. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Sandy, 2 to 1 v. Theresa, 3 to 1 v. Spec and Umpire. Time, 59½ seconds.

BAY HANDICAP (13.0 to 13.2½), 4 furlongs.—Mr. G. Miller's ch m Lilly, 8st 4lb, 1. Five started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Lilly, 3 to bar one.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

WILLIAMSTOWN RACING CLUB.
MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

Fine weather favoured the Williamstown Racing Club's meeting to-day, but the attendance was only moderate. Backers were successful, four first favourites getting home; but, curiously enough, the only two odds-on chances during the afternoon went down. The racing was of a very interesting character, the last event in particular providing a splendid contest, the judge being unable to place more than two horses. The details of the sport are as under:—

SELLING HURDLE RACE.—J. Gardener's Clypton, 11st 3lb (H. Moore), 1; E. Shiel's Spes, 11st 3lb (W. Cupitt), 2; E. Fountain's Tarrawa, 9st 10lb (V. Fountain), 3. Other starters: Grangeburn, Greenwich, My Thyra. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Clypton, 3 to 1 v. Spes and Tawarra. Won easily by three lengths, 12 lengths between second and third. The winner was bought in for £38.

WELTER HANDICAP.—R. Painter's Often, 9st 2lb (T. Saunders), 1; A. C. Desailly's Trida, 7st 4lb (F. Daun), 2; W. J. Wood's Fuss, 8st (F. Power), 3. Other starters: Barnan, Moscow, Faith, Willyama, Essex, Miss Mary, Bess, and Pensive. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Often, 4 to 1 v. Fuss, 6 to 1 v. Pensive and Willyama, 10 to 1 v. others. Won hard held by three-quarters of a length, with Fuss 10 lengths away third.

TWO-YEARS-OLD STAKES.—M. P. Whittey's Bacchus, 7st 7lb (F. O'Leary), 1; S. Miller's Leto, 7st 2lb (W. Pearson), 2; F. Fountain's David Garrick, 7st 9lb (F. Fusco), 3. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Leto, 4 to 1 v. Bacchus, 6 to 1 v. David Garrick. A good race ended in favour of Bacchus by half a length; a fair third.

AUGUST HANDICAP.—F. O'Donnell's Tyreonnell, 9st 2lb (T. Sanders), 1; J. Keating's Kronberg, 8st (G. Robson), 2; S. Miller's Realgar, 7st (W. Pearson), 3. Other starters: Auster, Diogenes, Tarragon, Napier, Dunlin, Dormeur. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Tyreonnell, 3 to 1 v. Kronberg, 4 to 1 (at first 2 to 1) v. Napier, 6 to 1 v. Auster, 10 to 1 v. any other. Won, after a great finish, by half a head, with Realgar a length away.

STEEPLECHASE.—E. Fountain's Vengeance II., 10st 8lb (J. Cameron), 1; J. Hutchinson's Darnley, 10st 2lb (Mr. J. J. Allen), 2; A. Hayes's Guardfish, 11st 4lb (John Hayes), 3. Other starters: I-Will-if-I-Can, Zuleika, Camperdown. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Vengeance II., 7 to 2 v. Guardfish, 5 to 1 v. I-Will-if-I-Can and Zuleika. Won by three lengths, Darnley beating Guardfish, who stopped suddenly, by half a length, while I-Will-if-I-Can walked in. Zuleika fell at the first jump, and Camperdown came to grief when three-quarters of a mile from home.

SELLING RACE.—Mr. C. Rudding's Marshall Ney, 7st 4lb (J. Stevenson), 1; Mr. J. Beamish's Birthmark, 7st 7lb (W. Lennon), 2; Mr. J. Hutchinson's Dookie, 6st 7lb (W. Pearson), 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Birthmark, 7 to 4 v. Marshall Ney, 6 to 1 v. Dookie. Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third. The winner was sold to Mr. Balldock for £50.

HOPETOUN STAKES.—F. Fountain's Miraculeux, 7st 8lb (F. Fusco), 1; T. Keating's Ambition, 8st 9lb (G. Robson), 2. Other starters: Swordbearer, Templestowe, Rosebrook, Ægyptus, Leyland, Often, Premier, Lapstone, Richway, The Merry Girl, Realger. Betting: 4 to 1 v. Ægyptus, 5 to 1 v. The Merry Girl, 7 to 1 v. Often, Templestowe, Miraculeux, Premier, Ambition, Napier, or any other. At the distance the field closed up, and a splendid finish took place. Miraculeux on the outside won by a neck from Ambition, and the judge was unable to place a third, while Ægyptus, Templestowe, Often, Napier, Swordbearer, and the Merry Girl finished almost on terms just behind the second horse. Time, 1 minute 46½ seconds.

NORTHERN JOCKEY CLUB.
WEST MAITLAND, THURSDAY.

The following nominations have been received for the Northern Jockey Club's meeting to be held on the 30th and 31st instant:—

FLYING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Bridgement, Proctor, Dolce, Faber, Province, Wandaree, Lyoness.

AUGUST HANDICAP, 7 furlongs.—Javelin, The Rat, Chance, Royal, Everistis, Elton, Faber, Baroona, Wandaree, Lyoness.

NORTHERN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, 1 mile 1 furlong.—Magician, Javelin, The Rat, Royal, Everistis, Faber, Baroona, Lyoness.

MAITLAND HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Javelin, Benico (late Young Splendor), Bridgement, Chance, Royal, Elton, Faber, Province, Oinger, Wandaree, Mulwee.

AMATEUR HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Akolouthos, Benico, Goldstain, Navan, Kingston, Wastral, Thira, Freetrade, Thulma, Merrigobah.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Akolouthos, Benico, Goldstain, Navan, Baritone, Kingston, Rambler, Laureate, New Park.

WELTER HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Benico, Goldstain, Baritone, Kingston, Scipio, Murrulla, Laureate, Express.

NOVEL HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Akolouthos, Wastral, Thulma, Express, Como, New Park, Merrigobah, The Snail.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Proctor, Dolce, Courtship, Wandaree, Mulwee.

EVENING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Bridgement, Dolce, Mulwee, Wandaree, Ida.

JOINT SPORTS MEETING.

Entries for the different events to take place at the Suburban Bicycle Club and Darlinghurst Harriers Combined Australasian Sports Carnival to be held on Saturday, 1st September, have been extended till to-morrow, when they will definitely close with the secretaries at Rush's York Hotel, King and York streets, at 9 p.m. The prizes form a valuable collection, and are now on view at Paling and Co.'s, George-street. As all our best intercolonial cyclists and runners intend to compete, the meeting promises to be a success.

THE PROGRAMME OF ELECTORATE CRICKET MATCHES.

The committee of the New South Wales Cricket Association having rescinded the resolution permitting the I Zingari Club to play in electorate matches, it became necessary to recast the programme, and the hon. secretary of the association has accordingly prepared the following, which will be submitted to a meeting of the committee at an early date:—

September 29 and October 1.—Paddington v. Canterbury, Sydney Cricket Ground; University v. Waverley, University Oval; Redfern v. East Sydney, Rushcutter Bay; North Sydney v. South Sydney, North Sydney; Glebe v. Manly, Wentworth Park; Central Cumberland v. Leichhardt, Parramatta.

October 6 and 13.—East Sydney v. University, Sydney Cricket Ground; North Sydney v. Central Cumberland, North Shore; Glebe v. Canterbury, Wentworth Park; Redfern v. Manly, Redfern Park; Leichhardt v. South Sydney, Leichhardt Park; Waverley v. Paddington, Rushcutter Bay.

October 20 and 27.—South Sydney v. Glebe, Sydney Cricket Ground; East Sydney v. Waverley, Domain; Canterbury v. Leichhardt, Norwood Park; North Sydney v. Redfern, Redfern Park; Manly v. Paddington, Manly; Central Cumberland v. University, University Oval.

November 10 and 17.—Paddington v. East Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground; Manly v. North Sydney, Manly; Glebe v. Central Cumberland, Parramatta; Redfern v. Canterbury, Redfern Park; Leichhardt v. University, Leichhardt Park; Waverley v. South Sydney, Waverley.

December 1 and 8.—Central Cumberland v. Canterbury, Sydney Cricket Ground; East Sydney v. South Sydney, Rushcutter Bay; University v. Paddington, University Oval; Glebe v. Redfern, Wentworth Park; North Sydney v. Waverley, North Sydney; Manly v. Leichhardt, Leichhardt Park.

January 12 and 19.—Redfern v. University, Sydney Cricket Ground; Waverley v. Glebe, Waverley; East Sydney v. Manly, Manly; Leichhardt v. Paddington, Rushcutter Bay; Canterbury v. North Sydney, Norwood Park; Central Cumberland v. South Sydney, Parramatta.

February 9 and 16.—South Sydney v. Canterbury, Sydney Cricket Ground; Leichhardt v. East Sydney, Leichhardt Park; Paddington v. Glebe, Wentworth Park; North Sydney v. University, North Sydney; Central Cumberland v. Manly, Parramatta; Waverley v. Redfern, Waverley.

March 2 and 9.—Central Cumberland v. Paddington, Sydney Cricket Ground; University v. Glebe, University Oval; East Sydney v. North Sydney, Domain; Redfern v. South Sydney, Redfern Park; Leichhardt v. Waverley, Leichhardt Park; Manly v. Canterbury, Manly.

March 16 and 23.—South Sydney v. University, Sydney Cricket Ground; Glebe v. Leichhardt, Wentworth Park; Redfern v. Central Cumberland, Parramatta; North Sydney v. Paddington, North Sydney; Waverley v. Manly, Waverley; East Sydney v. Canterbury, Rushcutter Bay.

March 30 and April 6.—East Sydney v. Glebe, Sydney Cricket Ground; Leichhardt v. North Sydney, Leichhardt Park; University v. Canterbury, University Oval; Redfern v. Paddington, Redfern Park; Manly v. South Sydney, Manly; Waverley v. Central Cumberland, Waverley.

April 13 and 20.—Paddington v. South Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground; University v. Manly, University Oval; Glebe v. North Sydney, Wentworth Park; Canterbury v. Waverley, Norwood Park; Redfern v. Leichhardt, Redfern Park; East Sydney v. Central Cumberland, Domain.

CRICKET.

The annual meeting of the Burwood Cricket Club was held in the Burwood School of Arts last week, Alderman R. Shute in the chair. The hon. secretary read the annual report, which showed that the club played 26 matches, four of which were won, 10 lost, and 12 drawn. W. B. Fairfax obtained the highest aggregate (682 runs), the highest individual score (187 runs), and the best batting average (37·8). The bowling average was secured by J. Freshwater with 12·6. The hon. treasurer, unfortunately, had a debit balance. The following office-bearers were elected for the coming season:—President, the Mayor of Burwood; vice-presidents, Hon. W. H. Pigott, M.L.C., Hon. J. T. Toohey, M.L.C., Messrs. John Dawson, Richard Jones, F. E. Rogers, G. C. Chalmers, W. M'Millan, M.L.A., R. W. Hardie, E. K. Satchell, Dr. R. Fairfax Reading, Alderman J. F. Hennessey, Mr. E. L. Jones, Dr. P. Sydney Jones, Mr. W. J. Adams; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. B. Spencer; hon. secretary, Mr. W. B. Fairfax; committee, Messrs. G. G. Blaxland, E. Rogers, R. Shute, and H. Connell. Several new members were elected.

The third annual meeting of the Steamship Companies' Cricket Club was held last night at the Union S.S. Company's office, Bridge-street, Mr. Bell presiding. The report for the past season showed that the club played 30 matches, of which six were won, three lost, and 21 drawn. The batting and bowling trophies were won by E. Hayes with the respective averages of 15 and 6. The fielding trophy was awarded to C. Hughes. The treasurer's statement showed a small debit. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following office-bearers were elected: Patron, Mr. Jas. Burns; president, the Hon. J. See; vice-presidents, the managers of the intercolonial and coasting companies; honorary secretary, Mr. G. Robins; honorary treasurer, Mr. C. Hughes. Thanks were accorded the honorary secretary, the honorary treasurer, and Mr. Pigeon, for past services.

CYCLING.

In connection with the Redfern Bicycle Club and Sydney Harriers' Meeting to be held at the Sydney Cricket Ground to-morrow, several improvements in the management of the races have been decided upon. In the cycling races there will be a triangular arena roped off, in which only the time-keeper and laptakers will be permitted, the judge being on the opposite side of the track, and other officials in their proper positions in other parts of the ground, away from the winning-post. Instead of the usual circular course, the track has been altered to allow of a straight of 80 yards in front of the grand stand, so that the inside man will have no advantage over the outside man, as was formerly the case. In the running events similar improvements have been made, and the sprint races, instead of finishing, as in years gone by, in front of the members' stand, will finish immediately in front of the smoking reserve, where everyone in the grand stand and in the ground itself will be able to witness the finishes. Although the programme is one of the largest ever carried out on this ground, the committee have arranged it in such a way that the last race will be over at quarter-past 5 o'clock. A formal reception of the intercolonial visitors will be held at the York Hotel this afternoon.

The executive of the New South Wales Cyclists' Union will send a representative to compete at the Bombala sports on 25th September, and to decide who is to be sent the first, second, and third man in each of the coming championship races will be awarded 3, 2, and 1 points respectively, and the one who scores the most points will be selected. A long programme has been arranged for the entertainment of the visiting competitors.

HARRIERS.

Twelve of the Victorian Harriers who are to compete against the New South Wales Harriers arrived yesterday by express, and were met at the station by Messrs. R. Coombes (president N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association), F. Hawley (hon. secretary Sydney Harriers), and other supporters of running. They were driven to the Grand Central Coffee Palace in a drag. The remainder are to arrive to-day, and they will be formally welcomed at the York Hotel at 3 p.m. The Sydney Harriers have added the name of W. C. Cartwright to their team for the 440 Yards Race, owing to his good running at the Sydney Grammar School sports.

SWIMMING.

BALMAIN SWIMMING CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Balmain Swimming Club was held last night in the Mayor's room, Balmain Town Hall, when there were about 60 members present. The president (Alderman H. B. Swan, Mayor of Balmain) occupied the chair. The hon. secretary (Mr. E. Davis) read the committee's report, which showed that the club had been 12 years in existence, and the members were to be congratulated on the success attained during the past season, when they regained the old prestige, viz., that of the premier swimming club of N.S.W. The club held the record for entries until the Bondi Club passed them with a total of 218. Regret was expressed at the removal of Mr. Alf. Holmes, the 100 yards amateur champion of the colony, to Newcastle. The report was unanimously adopted. The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following result:—Patron, Mr. J. Garrard, M.L.A., Minister for Public Instruction; president, the Mayor, Alderman H. B. Swan; vice-presidents, the aldermen of Balmain, Hon. S. H. Hyam, Messrs. W. A. Smith, Cornish, P. Wallace, E. Bent, Zeals, J. C. Waterman, P. Nelligan, Sid. Davis, W. H. Wilks, M.L.A., S. J. Law, M.L.A., A. Hunt, James Johnston, W. A. Murphy, J. Booth, R. Roberts, W. M. Burns, G. C. Elliott, A. Smith, A. Melville, and A. Anderson; honorary medical officer, Dr. P. J. Kelly; captain, Mr. J. Taylor; vice-captain, Mr. P. Murphy; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Kinnimont (re-elected); hon. secretary, Mr. E. Davis (re-elected); hon. swimming instructors, Messrs. D. Boyd and R. Davis; auditors, Messrs. A. W. Griffiths and H. Waites; committee, R. Davis, D. Gillies, D. Boyd, W. Goodall, H. G. Pratt, A. Griffiths, S. Wade, Howe, E. Gracie, H. Burns, G. Easton, and A. E. Blair. Mr. E. Davis moved and Mr. T. Kinnimont seconded, and it was carried,—"That a branch of the London Life-saving Society be formed in connection with the Balmain Swimming Club."

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

CANTERBURY.

EXTENSION OF WATERMAINS.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening. Present—The Mayor (Alderman P. J. Scahill), Aldermen Quigg, Stone, A. Brown, Poole, and Lorking. The secretary to the Board of Health forwarded a copy of the regulations dealing with noxious trades, also asking for the number of premises situated within the municipality. The letter was received, and information asked for to be given. The Mayor presented a petition from residents of Mildura Estate, asking for the extension of the watermains to Brighton-avenue and Bemish-street. The petition was made an order of the day for next meeting. The matter of the acceptance of the dedication of a road by the Sydney Permanent Building Company at Nobbs's Flat was deferred for a month.

CONCORD.

BRIDGE OVER RUSSELL'S CREEK.

Alderman Zoeller presided at Wednesday night's meeting, when there were also present Aldermen Baker and Dumbrell. The Gas Company wrote, stating that the council's request for a quantity of asphalt for repairing the roads would be attended to. The Treasury Department notified that the sum of £20 had been placed to the council's credit for the purpose of enabling it to improve St. Luke's Park. A communication on the subject of noxious trades was received from the Board of Health. Alderman Baker brought under the notice of the council the condition of the bridge over Powell's Creek, and suggested that a deputation wait upon the Minister for Works to ask him to widen the bridge. It was resolved that the Railway Commissioners be written to on the subject of the approaches to the railway crossing at Parramatta-road. The overseer reported that additional trees were required for planting in the park.

PETERSHAM.

NOXIOUS TRADES ACT.

A meeting of the above council was held on 21st August. Copies of the Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Acts, together with *Government Gazette* proclamation on same, forwarded by the Board of Health, were laid on the table, the chairman (Alderman Russell Jones) remarking that, in his opinion, any person who wished to establish boiling-down works would have to apply to the council. Messrs. Richardson and Wrench wrote, in reply to council's request, forwarding names and addresses of the trustees of Johnston's Estate. On the recommendation of the inspector of nuisances, dairy licenses were granted to Elizabeth Eggleton and Mrs. Strudwick.

WAVERLEY.

VARNA-STREET QUARRY.

The Mayor (Alderman W. T. Ball) presided over the last meeting of this council. The general account, £149 17s; special account, £159 11s 9d. The Mayor and Alderman W. H. Simpson were appointed as delegates to the Municipal Association. A letter was received from the Randwick Council complaining of the state of Varna-street quarry. The Australian Gaslight Company agreed to the removal of an existing lamp. The following motions were carried:—That a sum of £27 5s be voted for cost of completing drain through Mr. Marks's land, Birrell-street, in accordance with resolution of the council. That £40, as per estimate submitted at the previous meeting of the council, be voted for cost of kerbing, guttering, and making up the roadway at frontage to Mr. Hickson's residence, The Pines, Birrell-street, provided the owner pays usual proportion of cost. That £43 10s, as per estimate submitted at the previous meeting of the council, be voted for the cost of kerbing, guttering, and making up the roadway at Miss Cochrane's property, Flood and Geierstein streets, provided owner first pays usual proportion of cost.

ERSKINEVILLE.

PROPOSED NEW LOAN.

The last meeting of the above council was held on August 20. The secretary of the Municipal Association wrote, requesting council to appoint delegates to the annual conference which would commence on 23rd October. The Mayor and Alderman Peake were appointed to represent the council at the conference. A communication was received from the Colonial Secretary, empowering council to negotiate a loan of £5000. The inspector of nuisances reported that he had served notices for the removal of 140 encroachments on the streets of the borough. Alderman Jacobsen moved,—"That a deputation, consisting of the Mayor and Aldermen Wilson, Peake, and the mover, wait on the Water and Sewerage Board or the Minister for Works, to request them to convey water running through Meek's paddock into the stormwater sewer." Alderman Wilson seconded the motion, which was carried. Alderman Peake moved,—"That council take steps to borrow the sum of £5000 at 5 per cent. per annum for the purpose of covering loan now falling due." Alderman Glencross seconded the motion, which was carried.

PADDINGTON.

MR. SHIPWAY AND THE DEPUTATION TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Alderman T. George, J.P. (Mayor) presided over the last meeting of this council. The Marshall's Brewery Company intimated that steps are being taken to have the work of improving Oxford-street completed within the specified time of the Act. Mr. J. Haydon Carden offered his services as engineer to the borough for permanent nominal salary of £120 annually. The letter was referred to the whole council committee. The Municipal Association wrote asking the council to appoint its delegates to the annual conference. The Mayor (Alderman T. George) and Alderman W. Brown were appointed to represent the council. A letter was read from W. C. Shipway, M.L.A., with reference to non-attendance at a deputation to the Government on the question of the cancellation of the Cascade-street quarry, and explaining that the time allowed him was too short, and as the requirements of the council had not been intimated he could not be present at the deputation. The letter was received. The Mayor intimated by minute to the council that the deputation had waited on the Railway Commissioners in reference to the proposed reduction of the amount of the Commissioners' contribution to the maintenance of Oxford-street. The Commissioners originally intended to reduce the amount by £30; but on representations being made to the Commissioners of the work done by the council, and the cost, they were induced to suggest a compromise. The council agreed to accept the amount of contribution as £140.

WILLOUGHBY.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

This council met on the 20th instant, when the Mayor (Alderman Fleming) presided. A letter was read from the local government officer, asking that the statement of accounts in regard to the separation of the wards might be made up to the end of the municipal half-year ending 5th August. The Board of Health forwarded a copy of the regulations in regard to noxious trades, and in the list which accompanied it a "tanner" was included, to which exception was taken by the aldermen, and the letter was "received." The Municipal Association wrote anent its forthcoming session, and the following expression of opinion was recorded:—"That in the opinion of this council it is desirable that the municipal councils should be allowed one month's notice by the Municipal Association in which to forward notices of motion," and it was implied that the delegates from the council to the association meeting intend moving a resolution in favour of a Local Government Bill being passed at an early date, and also in regard to the schedule of noxious trades. In regard to the municipal wharfs on the Lane Cove River, the works committee and aldermen, after having inspected them, recommended that a new bay be built to Longueville wharf in such a manner as to permit of the structure being completed at a later date, and that Northwood wharf be tied and bolted and a handrail added.

REDFERN.

A DANCING SALOON.

A meeting of the Redfern Council was held on 23rd August. Mr. H. Lenehan wrote complaining of the noise caused by persons dancing in certain premises. The noise caused at the place was so great that it was impossible to sleep at night, and the writer stated that if something was not done to abate the nuisance he would have to leave the locality. Alderman Berry said he understood the place in question was not a regular dancing saloon. Alderman Crowe: Only five nights a week; that's rather regular. (Laughter). The Mayor explained that communication had been made with Inspector Lawless on the matter, and he had no doubt that the police would soon take action.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—August 23.

Electra (s.), 395 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Richmond River 22nd August. Passengers—Mrs. Shepherd, Messrs. H. Jones, L. Parish, W. Robinson, J. Withford, S. F. Clark, J. Wells, and 14 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Victorian (s.), 750 tons, Captain G. Andrews, from Townsville, via ports. Passengers—Messrs. Greenley, S. Hillman, J. Bowher, Breese, R. Vosper, Budgett, J. Johns, Mesdames Shields, Ryan, Greenley and infant, Kennedy, Misses Muirhead, Ryan, Derry, Master Derry, and 30 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., agents.

Bega (s.), 555 tons, Captain W. G. Hersee, from Eden and ports. Passengers—Mrs. Frampton, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Kerr, and Miss Lansdown, Messrs. Mason, Best, and Boyd, and 5 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Warrego (s.), 1551 tons, Captain John Rossiter, from Burketown, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Stewart, Wright and child, Friend, Misses Lawler (2), Ullett, Allessio, Aland, Messrs. H. G. Noble, J. Barker, Wright, Thompson, J. Walsh, D. Gardner, and 20 steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Celtic King (s.), 2429 tons, Captain A. G. M'Gibbon, from London, via Melbourne, 24th June. David Anderson, agent.

Oonah (s.), 1635 tons, Captain Featherstone, from Hobart 21st August. Passengers—Mrs. Giblin, Misses Bromby, Clasen, Adams, Leitch, Messrs. Broadfoot, Birch, Brown, Woolley, Fryer, Dickenson, Johnstone, Von-Derans, Roberts, Grieve, Skipper (2), S. Johnston, R. Johnstone, and 9 steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Eurimbla (s.), 1055 tons, Captain J. E. Butcher, from Adelaide and Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. L. H. Gresham, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Knight, Miss I. Knight, Miss M. Smith, Professor Irving, Messrs. L. H. Gresham, Hall, Campi, J. Copeland, A. G. Luston, Aswell, Woolcock, J. R. Brown, A. B. Boyd, G. Tall, Charles A. Gaston, C. E. Row, S. Coupeland, and 45 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Sydney (s.), 634 tons, Captain Anderson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Co., Limited, agents.

Eliza Allen, brigantine, 105 tons, from Dungeness. B. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.

Burrumbeet (s.), 2420 tons, Captain A. H. Thorpe, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

City of Grafton (s.), 825 tons, Captain D. Anthon, from Clarence River 22nd August. Passengers—Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Allen, Miss Walker, Miss Schrader, Miss Cameron, Messrs. J. B. Cooper, W. H. Quirk, W. B. Pearson, S. F. M'Master, G. Nesbitt, E. Blyth, T. Anderson, R. Trewarthen, A. Foran, W. G. Cameron, Rev. Scott, Master Wilkins, and 12 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Illawarra (s.), 522 tons, Captain Garde, from South Coast ports. Illawarra S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Coomonderry (s.), 147 tons, Captain Duck, from South Coast ports. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

August 24.

Oakland (s.), 306 tons, Captain B. Alley, from Richmond River. W. T. Yeager, agent.

Kingsley (s.), 61 tons, Captain Hunt, from Cape Hawke. Hawkesbury S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—August 23.

Tambo (s.), for Hobart.
Birksgate (s.), for Fiji, via Noumea.
Pukaki (s.), for Launceston, via Eden.
Charles S. Whitney, ship, for London.
Jennie Harkness, barque, for London.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—August 24.

Yarrawonga (s.), for London; Ranelagh (s.), for Melbourne and Adelaide; Eurimbla (s.), for Brisbane and ports; Burrumbeet (s.), for Melbourne and Launceston; Coomonderry (s.), for Berry, Nowra Bridge, and Shoalhaven River; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers, for Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay; Oakland (s.), for Richmond and Brunswick Rivers; Electra (s.), for Richmond River; Karuah (s.), for Tweed River and Byron Bay; Midget (s.), for Gosford.

CLEARANCES.—August 23.

Tambo (s.), 732 tons, Captain J. Warish, for Hobart. Passengers—Messrs. A. Furniss, A. M'Gill Brown, E. A. Jackson, D. Begg, F. Pallud, Master J. Davis, and 5 in the steerage.

Lonsdale, ship, 1685 tons, Captain John Fraser, for Newcastle.

Birksgate (s.), 1458 tons, Captain C. E. Saunders, for Fiji, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Ernest C. Carter, Mrs. Brodhurst-Hill, Miss Orr, Messrs. H. Berkeley, Ernest C. Carter, R. A. Vallack, Minnett, J. A. Brown, and 15 in the second cabin.

Pukaki (s.), 1444 tons, Captain W. A. Pearce, for Launceston, via Eden. Passengers—Mrs. Murray and child, Mrs. Bruson and 2 children, Mrs. Satta and child, Mrs. Satta 2 children and nurse, Mrs. M'Kinnon, Miss Bruson, Miss Singery, Miss Kirkham, Miss Brain.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—August 23.

Enterprise, ketch, Captain W. Nissen, for Richmond River; Bessy Maud, schooner, Captain G. Pettersen, for Camden Haven; Jane, schooner, Captain T. Simon, for Port Stephens; Marie, brig, Captain F. Fisher, for Newcastle; Tottie, schooner, Captain A. Zohren, for Nambucca.

IMPORTS.—August 23.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices under this heading.]

Electra (s.), from Richmond River: 128 bags maize, 1000 sacks sugar, 560 bags sugar, 1 case plants, 25 cases eggs, 10 cases samples, 2 cases fish, 4 coops poultry, 1 horse, 37 hides, 38 kegs butter, 8 logs pine, 5100ft. boxwood, 9 pieces cedar, 35 pigs, and a large quantity of sundries.

Victorian (s.), from Townsville, via ports: 2898 sacks sugar, 1574 bags sugar, 15 cases pineapples, 41 packages furniture, 25 cases meat, 59 hides, 1 case plants, 6 casks tallow, 1 bale skins, and a quantity of sundries, 4210oz. of gold for the Bank of New South Wales.

Bega (s.), from South Coast ports: 1310 cheese, 168 kegs and 84 boxes butter, 254 bags bark, 48 bags maize, 20 bags cattle food, 21 bags bacon, 20 cases maizena, 2 bales leather, 6 bags hides, 65 pigs, 6 boxes fish, and sundries.

Warrego (s.), from Queensland ports: 470 casks tallow, 1900 hides, 300 bags bones, 11,530oz. gold, 104 cases pines, 15 bales wool, 80 bags potatoes, 8 bags oysters, 18 bags sweet potatoes, 28 bags hoofs, 25 cases tomatoes, 6 bales horns, 26 bags hides, 6154 bags sugar, and quantity of sundries.

Oonah (s.), from Hobart: 4482 cases fruit, 150 sacks bark, 122 cases jam, 25 sacks apples, 13 sacks sharks' fins, 824 bags ore, 5826 staves, and sundries.

City of Grafton (s.), from Clarence River: 875 bags maize, 11 bags bones, 1 bundle snakeskins, 36 drums neatsfoot oil, 1 buggy, 169 cases eggs, 8 casks tallow, 16 coops poultry, 8 horses, 49 hides, 4 kegs butter, 99 pigs, and sundries.

Eurimbla (s.), from Adelaide, via Melbourne: 250 bags gypsum, 32 cases eggs, 10 bags barley, 51 bags salt, 140 bags bark, 513 sacks flour, 84 bags onions, 4 bags rice, 5 cases brandy, 483 tins biscuits, 18 cases wine, 81 boxes soap, 6 cases books, 14 bags potatoes, 218 cases general merchandise; also, through cargo for Queensland ports.

August 24.

Celtic King (s.), from London: 70 bundles wax, 50 bales printed matter, 17 packages glassware, 500 cases milk, 86 packages 50 drums chemicals, 250 cases starch, 5 cases tube fittings, 100 cases whisky, 128 packages nails, advertisement matter, 384 packages hardware, 172 packages drapery, 84 cases oilstores, 44 cases galvanised iron, 160 packages 70 kegs drugs, 10 cases myrbane, 5 hogsheads wine, 535 casks cement, 10 cases [illegible], 10 cases strawboards, 8 cases stores, 10 cases furniture, 3 hogsheads earthenware, 2 cases 1 cask holloware, 51 cases fishing wire, 198 cases bees, 3 cases files, 12 packages safety fuse, 4 packages gelatine, 20 bales canvas, 48 packages tubes, 66 cases envelopes, 100 cases champagne, 10 cases boots, 180 packages sheep dip powder, 3 tanks seed, 2 packages gas stoves, 255 packages 5 casks paint oil, 6 tanks malt, 57 cases confectionery, 5 bales carpets, 4 cases 1 cask tinware, 8 cases paperhangings, 32 kegs studs, 11 packages printed goods, 37 barrels oil, 8 packages brushware, 50 wheels, 5 cases horseshoes, 290 steel tubes, 450 cases currants, 45 cases peas, 90 cases sardines, 43 bales fibre, 20 packages vinegar, 12 packages oilstores, 43 cases straw hats, 30 bales 4 packages paper, 682 packages, 91 cases, 11 crates, 10 casks, 6 tanks, 1 bale merchandise, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—August 23.

Tambo (s.), for Hobart: 300 tons coal, 25 head cattle, 411 sheep, 350 casks wire nails, 140 bundles wire, 75 cases kerosene, 11 cases toys, 6 cases beer, 8 cases hollow glass, 4 cases hardware, 4 packages cordage, 43 bags sugar, 32 cases starch, 10 cases ginger, 10 cases brandy, 4 bales brooms, 6 cases drugs, 50 cases salmon, 1 quarter-cask whisky, 14 bags manure, 178 cases fruit, 40 bunches bananas, 12 cases groceries, 20 packages merchandise, and sundries.

Birksgate (s.), for Fiji, via Noumea: 150 tons coal, 1534 sleepers, 819 rails, 1100 cases kerosene oil, 980 bags rice, 250 bags flour, 100 bags dholl, 330 bags salt, 250 bags sugar, 250 bags potatoes, 100 bags onions, 100 bags chaff, 100 bags sharps, 285 packages meats, 225 drums oil, 50 cases China oil, 180 packages tea, 50 boxes soap, 100 packages tobacco, 330 packages biscuits, 13 cases galvanised iron, 130 empty cases, 12 tanks lime, 50 casks cement, 295 packages paint, 228 pieces timber, 218 hides, 9 bales hay, 100 sheep, 1 horse, and sundries.

Pukaki (s.), for Launceston, via Eden: 269 bags 329 gunnies sugar, 5 bundles sheet iron, 38 bars 10 bundles iron, 15 cases castor oil, 312 bundles wire, 10 cases tinplates, 5 cases drapery, 255 cases fruit, 5 quarter-casks port, 2 quarter-casks whisky, 50 bunches bananas, 200 bags manure, 21 cases 2 slabs marble, 250 cases candles, 20 drums oil, 20 cases ale, 14 barrels 3 hogsheads rum, 80 bags guano, 3 cases plants, 92 packages hardware, 3 cases broome, 200 cases kerosene, 6 cases boots, 10 cases salmon, 8 packages 8 cases tea, 8 bundles bags, 2 cases 10 packages fancy goods, 4 camp-oven covers, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

BRISBANE.—August 23: The Burwah (s.) arrived at Brisbane from Rockhampton. The Aramac (s.) arrived at Brisbane from Cooktown yesterday. The Leura (s.) arrived at Keppel Bay, and left south. The Fitzroy (s.) arrived at Keppel Bay. The South Australian (s.) arrived at Flattop. The Arawatta (s.) arrived at Cairns, bound south, yesterday. The Lady Musgrave (s.) left Maryborough north. The Yaralla (s.) arrived at Bundaberg from Brisbane. The Lubra (s.) left Burnett Heads south yesterday.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: August 23, Federal (s.), from Melbourne; Namoi (s.), Tamar (s.), Tumaru (s.), Billie Barlow (s.), Beeswing (s.), Waihora (s.), Earl Dunraven, barque, Amy, brig, from Sydney; Favourite, ketch, returning to port. Departures: August 23, Ruby, schooner, for the Clarence; Cancarry (s.), for Melbourne, with 3000 tons coal; Favourite, ketch, for Cape Hawke; Hydrabad, ship, for San Francisco, with 3588 tons coal; G. M. Tucker, barque, for Noumea, with 730 tons coal; Valleau, barque, for Mazatlan, with 1000 tons coal; Burrumbeet (s.), for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2350 tons coal; Beeswing (s.), for Brisbane, with 190 tons coal; Phoebe (s.), Timaru (s.), Tamar (s.), Namoi (s.), Isabella, schooner, for Sydney.

YAMBA.—Arrivals: August 23, Kallatina (s.), Fiona (s.), from Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: August 23, Easby (s.) at 6.45 a.m., Peregrine (s.) at 4.30 p.m., Innamincka (s.) at 5.15 p.m., north; Time (s.) at 2.30 p.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: August 23, R.M.S. Ormuz, from London; Coogee (s.), from Launceston; Stanley, brigantine, from Kaipara (N.Z.); Elizabeth Graham, barque, from Kaitara (N.Z.); Wodonga (s.), from Cooktown, via ports. Departures: Glenelg (s.), for north-west coast of Tasmania; Colac (s.), for Sydney, via Geelong; Duckenfield (s.), for Newcastle; Oldenburg (s.), for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Departures: August 23, Katoomba, H.M.S., on cruise; County of Ayr, barque, for Africa, via Port Pirie; David Morgan, barque, for the United Kingdom.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departures: August 23, Vale, schooner, at 11.30 a.m.; Wollumbin (s.), at noon; Augusta (s.), at 12.30 p.m. Passed: August 23, one of Howard Smith's steamers at 10 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY.—Arrivals: August 23, Wollumbin, at 3 p.m., from Tweed; Augusta, at 3.30 p.m.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS.—Arrival: August 22, Macleay (s.) at 10.20 p.m. August 23, 12ft. on the bar at high water. Departures: August 23, Lady Franklyn, schooner, at 12.15 p.m., Tiffey, schooner, at 11.25 a.m.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: August 23, Kallatina (s.) at 8 a.m., Fiona (s.) at 10.40.

BELLINGER HEADS.—August 23, Echo, ketch, bar bound. Departure: August 23, Hilda, schooner, at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: August 23, Beeswing (s.) at 11.30 a.m.

SOLITARY ISLAND.—Passed: August 23, Konoowarra (s.) at 2.10 p.m., south.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: August 23, Titus (s.) at 2.45 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: August 23, Fernmount (s.) at 9.5 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: August 23, Empress of India, schooner, at 8.45 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: August 23, Cintra (s.) at 7.15 a.m., north; Ranelagh (s.) at 12.30 p.m., south; Burrawong (s.) at 5 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: August 23, large two-masted steamer, with black funnel, at 2.25 p.m., south; Empress of India, schooner, running south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Departure: August 23, Mary Laurie, ketch, at noon, for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS.—Departure: August 23, Rosedale (s.) at 1.10 p.m.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: August 23, 3-masted schooner at 8.20 a.m., one of A.U.S.N. Co.'s steamers at 2.40 p.m., both south; Ruby, schooner, Sea Nymph, ketch, at 2.30 p.m., both north; a China mail steamer Taiwan at 5 p.m.; ketch Era at 5 p.m., north.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: August 23, Electra (s.) at 6.40 a.m., one of A.U.S.N. Company's steamers at 8.40 a.m., City of Grafton (s.) at 9.30 a.m., Oaklands (s.) at 10.15 a.m., all south; Oscar Robinson, schooner, in the bay; Rosedale (s.) at 5.56 p.m., south.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: August 22, Kingsley (s.) at midnight.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: August 23, Kingsley (s.) at 7.30 a.m., Eva, ketch, at 8.25 a.m., Electra (s.) at 9.25 a.m., all south; May Howard, schooner, at 9.45 a.m., north; City of Grafton (s.) at 12.15 p.m., Oakland (s.) at 1.40 p.m., all south.

BARRENJOEY.—Arrival: August 23, Alabama (s.), at 9.20 a.m., from Sydney. Ketch Progress and schooner Isabelle put in windbound at 5 p.m. Departures: August 23, Candidate, ketch, at 8.30 a.m., Hawkesbury at 5.40 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLAMBI.—Arrivals: August 23, Currajong (s.) at 6.30 a.m., Lochiel, schooner, at 6.30 a.m., both from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: August 23, Palmerston (s.) at 5 a.m., from Sydney; Muruna (s.), at 5.30 a.m., from Jervis Bay. Departures: August 23, Albatross, schooner, at 6.20 a.m., for Botany; Illawarra (s.) at 2.30 p.m., Palmerston (s.) at 3 p.m., both for Sydney.

KIAMA.—Arrival: August 23, Resolute (s.) at 6.30 p.m., from Sydney. Departures: August 23, Resolute (s.) at 10.40 a.m., for Sydney; Jenny Lind (s.) at 7 a.m., for a cruise.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departures: August 23, Illawarra (s.) at 8.40 a.m., Coomonderry (s.) at 11.35 a.m., both for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: August 23, Eurimbla (s.) at 3 p.m., large schooner-rigged steamer, yellow funnel, at 3 p.m., Oonah (s.) at 3 p.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: August 23, Peterborough (s.) at 10.40 a.m., for Sydney.

MORUYA HEADS.—Arrival: August 23, Trident (s.) at 12.30 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: August 23, Allowrie (s.) at 6 a.m., south; Eurimbla (s.) at 10 a.m., Oonah (s.) at 12.15 p.m., both north.

BERMAGUI SOUTH.—Arrival: August 23, Allowrie (s.) at 8.30 a.m., from Ulladulla. Departure: August 23, Allowrie (s.) at 9.20 a.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: August 23, Easby (s.) at 8.30 a.m., north; Time (s.) at 12.20 p.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: August 23, Easby (s.) at 6.45 a.m., north; Time (s.) at 2.30 p.m., west; Peregrine (s.) at 4.30 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: August 23, steamer at 2 a.m., Tekapo (s.) at 9.50 a.m. Passed outward: August 23, steamer at 1.40 a.m., steamer at 3 a.m., Maitland (s.) at 8.30 a.m.; barque at 7.30 a.m. belonging to Costa Rica, showing H.B.C.N.; ship at 1.30 p.m., very distant.

PORT DARWIN (S.A.).—Arrival: August 22, Darwin (s.), from M'Arthur River.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Average annual rainfall for 35 years, 50·836.
Average for 35 years from 1st January to 31st July, 35·794.
Total rainfall from 1st January, 1894, to 23rd August, 27·177.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. Thursday, 29·906.
Maximum temperature at Sydney Observatory, 62°; minimum, 49°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

Carnarvon, 30·12; Gascoigne, 30·06; Perth, 30·05; Esperance Bay, 29·98; Eucla, 30·08; Streaky Bay, 30·20; Adelaide, 30·22; Robe, 30·13; Portland, 30·09; Melbourne, 30·06; Wilson's Promontory, 29·95; Gabo Island, 29·88; Cape St. George, 29·93; Sydney, 29·91; Newcastle, 29·92; Port Macquarie, 29·86; Clarence Heads, 29·94; Brisbane, 29·91; Rockhampton, 30·09; Mackay, 30·10.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M. BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

Stok (Batavia).—Bar., 29·99; temperature, 79°; calm, overcast.
New Caledonia.—Fine, but cloudy throughout.
Western Australia.—Cloudy in parts of S.W.; generally fine and clear elsewhere.
South Australia.—Fine, but cloudy to dull generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Generally cloudy, with light showers on the coast; fine and clear to fine, but cloudy, inland.
Tasmania.—Fine and clear throughout.
New South Wales.—Dull, threatening throughout in parts of Central Division; showery; fine at a few places in the N.
Queensland.—Cloudy to threatening in parts of S.E. and along the border; fine, but cloudy elsewhere.
Central and North Australia.—Generally fine.
New Zealand.—Fine and clear in N. and S. parts; showery at the Bluff.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

Victoria.—Very light generally. Cape Schanck, 0·03; Melbourne, 0·03; Wilson's Promontory, 0·17.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate throughout. Albury, 0·10; Armidale, 0·06; Bathurst, 0·16; Bendemeer, 0·45; Bingara, 0·20; Bodalla, 0·12; Bombala, 0·08; Bourke, 0·05; Bowral, 0·15; Broken Hill, 0·03; Bundarra, 0·06; Camden Haven, 0·18; Cape St. George, 0·20; Carcoar, 0·14; Casino, 0·10; Cassilis, 0·15; Clarence, 0·12; Cobar, 0·14; Condobolin, 0·20; Cooma, 0·63; Coonabarabran, 0·25; Coonamble, 0·35; Cowra, 0·28; Cudgellico, 0·19; Dubbo, 0·35; Euston, 0·06; Forbes, 0·31; Germanton, 0·15; Glen Innes, 0·08; Goulburn, 0·09; Grafton, 0·15; Gulgong, 0·23; Gunnedah, 0·58; Hillston, 0·02; Jerry's Plains, 0·08; Katoomba, 0·72; Kiandra, 0·31; Lismore, 0·16; Maitland, 0·10; Marsdens, 0·50; Menindie, 0·06; Molong, 0·32; Moree, 0·08; Moss Vale, 0·13; Mount Hope, 0·08; Mount Victoria, 0·16; Mudgee, 0·14; Mungundi, 0·02; Murrumburrah, 0·16; Murrurundi, 0·36; Muswellbrook, 0·27; Narrabri, 0·12; Newcastle, 0·06; Orange, 0·18; Picton, 0·03; Quirindi, 0·32; Scone, 0·15; Singleton, 0·16; Sydney, 0·08; Tabulam, 0·36; Tamworth, 0·73; Tenterfield, 0·20; Uralla, 0·21; Wagga, 0·21; Walcha, 0·05; Walgett, 0·15; Warialda, 0·18; Wellington, 0·26; Wentworth, 0·02; Werris Creek, 0·40; Wilcannia, 0·10; Wollongong, 0·02; Young, 0·28.

South Australia.—Light and scattered generally. M'Donnell Bay, 0·01.

Queensland.—Light to moderate along the Pacific slope; in the S.E. and far S. with thunderstorms. Bowen, 0·15; Brisbane, 0·19; Cape Moreton, 0·03; Cardwell, 0·07; Emu, 0·03; Dalby, 0·19; Gladstone, 0·30; Goondiwindi, 0·03; Gayndah, 0·23; Georgetown, 0·02; Mackay, 0·31; Maryborough, 0·05; Rockhampton, 0·10; Stanthorpe, 0·16; Surat, 0·02; Toowoomba, 0·06; Townsville, 0·15; Warwick, 0·29.

Tasmania.—Light to moderate.
West Australia.—0·28in. at Karridale.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M., THURSDAY.

Albury, 9ft. 9in., rising; Balranald, 18ft. 1in., falling; Bourke, 16ft. 5in., falling; Brewarrina, 17ft. 11in., falling; Euabalong, 21ft. 10in., falling; Euston, 20ft. 7in.; Forbes, 8ft. 10in., falling; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 9ft.; Hay, 19ft. 7in.; Hillston, 20ft. 7in.; Louth, 14ft. 7in., rising; Manilla, low; Menindie, 25ft. 4in.; Mogil Mogil, 8ft., rising; Mungundi, 4ft. 9in., falling; Pooncarie, 23ft. 5in.; Tilpa, 19ft. 9in., rising; Tocumwal, 16ft. 9in.; Wagga Wagga, 11ft. 6in.; Wentworth, 20ft. 10in.; Wilcannia, 19ft. 11in., rising; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 16ft. 11in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 10ft. 10in., falling; Goondiwindi, low.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Dubbo, S.W., dull, 61°; Newcastle, S., showery, 63°; Bourke, S.W., cloudy, 63°; Deniliquin, S.W., dull, 64°; Goulburn, S.W., dull, 55°; Wilcannia, calm, dull, 65°; Wentworth, S.W., dull, 61°; Forbes, W., cloudy, 56°; Clarence, S., fine, 66°; Sydney, S.S.W., cloudy, 62°. Showery at Barrenjoey, Catherine Hill Bay, Gabo, Lake Macquarie Heads, Maitland, Temora.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

Tweed Heads, W., light, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S., fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S.W., fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S.W., fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S.W., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, W.S.W., strong, raining, sea rising; Port Stephens, W.S.W., strong, heavy squalls of rain, sea rough; Lake Macquarie Heads, S., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, S.W., fresh, showery, sea slight; Barranjoey, S.S.W., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, S., light, showery, sea moderate; South Head, S., strong, cloudy, sea rising; Wollongong, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S.W., fresh, like rain, sea rough; Crookhaven Heads, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, S., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, S., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, W., strong, cloudy, sea rough; Gabo Island, W.S.W., fresh, fine, clear, sea moderate.

FORECASTS ISSUED AT 4 P.M. THURSDAY.

New South Wales.—Light to fresh winds from W. to S.; weather fine inland, but still cold and unsettled, with some showers on the coast.—H. C. RUSSELL.

Victoria.—Moderately fine, but cloudy, and in parts showery with light winds, chiefly W. and S.W.—R. L. J. ELLERY.

South Australia.—Fine, with light variable, chiefly northerly, winds, barometers falling, however, and within next two days a change is probable to unsettled weather, with further rains and squally conditions on the coast.—C. TODD.

SPECIAL FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANIA, BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Fair generally, isolated places may experience squalls and showers between S.W. and S.

Western Australia.—Becoming cloudy and unsettled, with rain and squalls in parts south from Perth, with freshening seas; finer elsewhere.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Fine but cloudy, under S.E. winds.

South Australia.—Further showers in S. and S.E., more unsettled weather within five days.

Queensland.—Generally fair, isolated coastal showers.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Fair generally, showers in places, further unsettled squally weather within seven days.

New Zealand.—Becoming squally and showery on the western coast, with rough seas.

New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and New Guinea.—Cloudy to showery.

The disturbance "Mem" is now central off Cape Leeuwin.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR AUGUST 24.

Sun rises at 6.30, sets at 5.36; Moon, 12.25 a.m., 10.8 a.m.; Mercury, 6.9 a.m., 4.46 p.m.; Venus, 5.16 a.m., 3.33 p.m.; Mars, 10.12 p.m., 9.31 a.m.; Jupiter, 2.56 a.m., 12.48 p.m., Saturn, 8.54 a.m., 9.32 p.m.

New Moon, 1st August; Full Moon, 16th August; New Moon, 31st August.

High water at Fort Denison, 12.28 a.m., 12.52 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

Melbourne, 4.15 and 7 p.m.
Adelaide, 4 p.m.
Hobart and Launceston, 4 p.m.
Queensland, 4.45 p.m.
Western Australia (Monday, via Adelaide), —.
Clyde River, 9 a.m.
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Byron Bay, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Bellinger River, 9 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston, 11 a.m.
Macleay River, 11 a.m.
Wellington and Southern Ports of N.Z., noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, and Rio Janeiro, noon.
Clarence River, 8 p.m.

MONDAY.

Merimbula and Eden, 11 a.m.
India and Continent of Europe (overland to Adelaide, and thence per P. and O. Company's steamer Massilia), 2.30 p.m.
United Kingdom (overland to Adelaide, and thence per P. and O. Company's steamer Massilia), 3 p.m.
Southern Ports of N.Z., 3.30 p.m.
Port Macquarie and Nambucca River, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Clarence River, 8 p.m.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, and certain foreign countries via the United Kingdom, will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Orient Company's steamer Orient up to 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, the 27th August. Parcels must not be posted in a letter-box, but must be taken to the Parcels Office, where the necessary declaration as to their contents and value must be signed. Parcels addressed to Germany will also be received at the Parcels Office for transmission per German steamer Oldenburg up to 9.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 12th September.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

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TWENTY-FIVE thousand men were engaged on each side in the battle which took place between the Chinese and Japanese troops at Pingyang and Chungho, in Corea, on Friday last, and in which the Japanese are reported to have suffered a heavy loss.

IN addition to the Japanese loan of 50,000,000 dollars (£8,500,000), which has been fully subscribed in Japan, the Japanese nobles have subscribed 80,000,000 dollars (nearly £13,500,000) for war purposes, and refuse to accept interest on the money.

THE German squadron on the China station has been further reinforced.

IN replying to a deputation from the Pharmacy Board, which waited upon him yesterday to ask that the Government would at the earliest possible moment introduce a pharmacy bill, Mr. G. H. Reid said he would endeavour to find a corner in the Ministerial programme for a pharmacy bill and a medical bill.

MR. REID further said that if the session were to close at Christmas it would be impossible for the House to deal with the urgent and pressing matters of importance which were awaiting consideration, and therefore the Government proposed to carry the session on into next year. He hoped to find a spirit pervading the new Assembly which would ensure the co-operation of every member in trying to overtake the vast arrears in public business.

THE Full Court yesterday unanimously decided that the notification in the *Government Gazette* of 10th February, 1893, intimating that in the case of certain specified leases in the Central division no extension of lease would be granted on the expiration of the original lease, did not operate to prevent the provisions of the Act of 1889 applying to the pastoral lease of Tala, one of the leases specified.

LAST evening Sir J. P. Abbott was installed as Pro-Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of New South Wales. His Excellency the Governor was the installing master.

YESTERDAY Mr. Jacob Garrard, Minister for Public Instruction, visited the Hurstone Training College for female pupil teachers at Summer Hill, the girls' new school building at Ashfield, the Observatory, and the Fort-street school.

MR. J. H. YOUNG, Minister for Public Works, yesterday informed a deputation representing the municipal council of Woollahra that the work of completing the Double Bay sewerage scheme would be proceeded with as early as possible.

IN London Broken Hill Proprietary shares are quoted at £3 2s 6d.

THE price of bar silver has advanced ⅛d, the last quotation being 2s 6⅛d per ounce.

REPLYING to a deputation which waited upon the Railway Commissioners yesterday, to ask for certain alterations in the proposed sections of the Ocean-street cable tramway, Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner, said that instead of costing only £80,000, the line had cost no less than £160,000, and it was the duty of the Commissioners to do their best to make it pay. He promised to carefully consider the representations of the deputation.

OWING to the illness of the Czar, who is suffering from influenza, the great manœuvres of the Russian army, which were to have taken place shortly at Smolensk, have been countermanded.

A DEPUTATION waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday, and asked him to sanction the addition of a tower to the new post-office which is being erected at Balmain West. The deputation represented that £400 would cover the cost, and Mr. Young promised to consult his colleagues on the matter.

IT is estimated in London that owing to a glut in the market the price of colonial butter during the ensuing season will average from 15s to 20s below that obtained last season.

AT Aix-la-Chapelle, in Rhenish Prussia, Herr Dowe, attired in his alleged bullet-proof cuirass, allowed shots to be fired at him. One of the bullets pierced the cuirass and wounded him.

MR. J. S. LARKE, who was the Canadian delegate at the Chicago World's Fair, has been appointed to proceed to Australia on behalf of the Dominion Government on a mission in connection with the extension of trade relations between Canada and Australia.

THE directors of the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, have decided to make a call of £1 per share on the unpaid capital.

OWING to a technical omission in the new American Tariff Bill, duty will have to be paid on 23,000,000lb. of wool at present in bond, unless it be exported and reimported.

A WOOL exchange has been started in New York in expectation of an increased trade in that staple as the result of the free admission of wool.

THE London *Times* urges Great Britain and Australasia to subsidise Mr. James Huddart's Pacific-Atlantic line of steamers on national grounds.

BY 27 votes to 21 the New Zealand House of Representatives has rejected the Elective Executive Bill. The measure was opposed by the Government.

THE New South Wales footballers arrived at Auckland yesterday, and were accorded a public reception.

AN unusually large number of shearers has been engaged at the head office of the Pastoralists' Union during the week.

MESSRS. R. Bulcock, C. H. Buzacott, G. W. Gray, A. Norton, and J. Ferguson have been appointed to the Queensland Legislative Council.

MR. HAYTER, the Victorian Government statistician, estimates that on the 30th June last the population of Victoria was 1,173,469, comprising 605,119 males and 568,350 females. For the quarter males show a decrease of 432, and females an increase of 1767.

THE third of the series of articles upon "Our Civil Service" appears elsewhere. It deals with the work of the Mines Department.

IN the Stock and Share market yesterday Bank of New South Wales shares advanced ¼, and for Australian Joint Stock Bank shares an advance of 1s was offered.

BUSINESS in the Import market remains quiet.

AT Darling Harbour yesterday 420 bales of wool were manifested.

THE fortnightly local wool sales were concluded yesterday. On the whole prices were equal to those recently ruling.

IN the Mining market yesterday Central Broken Hill shares were sold at 8s 11d, but eased later on, the closing quotations being 8s 6d buyer, 8s 9d seller. B. H. Proprietary shares closed at 60s 6d buyer, 61s 6d seller.

THE Customs receipts yesterday amounted to £5278. Towards this the 10 per cent. ad valorem duty contributed £650 and the 15 per cent. £50.

CADBURY'S COCOA.
"The most perfect."—The Analyst.—[ADVT.]

It is to be hoped that the statement of Mr. REID as to the proposal of the Government to "have a very long session to start with," and "to carry the session on into the next year," is not to be taken as a final announcement. It is easy to understand and to sympathise with the desire of a new Government, supported by a new Parliament and with the consciousness that it possesses the confidence and is invested with the mandate of the country, to get on with the despatch of business as rapidly and as comprehensively as possible. The desire is one which all would respect and most would share. The question remains whether the realisation of this desire is better forwarded by the prolongation of the existing session than by the summary despatch of the business indispensable to the session and the year, and the calling Parliament together for the work of a long and important session early next year. One of the worst mischiefs attendant on the late Government's coming into power was that it at once sacrificed the system of orderly dealing with Parliamentary business which the Parkes Ministry had established, and brought in the evil method of dealing with business always in arrears, and of financing by means of monthly supply bills. On the other hand, one of the chief and earliest reforms which we expected from the new Ministry was that this bad system should be summarily ended. It would be a serious deduction from the value of despatching a large quantity of business in the first session if that were purchased at the cost of prolonging a system of disorder and arrear, and of financing from hand to mouth by means of supply bills.

We do not think that the people of the colony are disposed to be unreasonable in such a matter as this. What they desire is that the necessary work should be set about as quickly as possible, and carried on as rapidly as possible. They will undoubtedly be disappointed if a large amount of work achieved does not stand to the credit of the Government and the Parliament by, say, this time next year. It is desirable, and we may add essential, that much important work be despatched by that time. What is not essential is, that it should be despatched in one session. That is a point which to the public expectation would be an utterly indifferent one. Arranged as our year of Parliamentary work is, the natural termination of the session is Christmas. If it does not end then, what takes place? Parliament has to take an adjournment over the holidays, and it is at great inconvenience to members, and little gain to the public, if it resumes work before February. There must inevitably be this interval between the work of this year and that of the next. Whatever the interval may be, we do not plead for its prolongation. All that we ask—and we ask it in the interest of that orderly procedure which is found essential to getting business done in any satisfactory manner—is that the interval may divide not one session but two. It should be of the nature not of an adjournment but of a prorogation. This difference need not involve a day's loss of time, and it would do much for the order and despatch of work and for the avoidance of that state of confusion in which our public affairs have been struggling for three years. To prolong that state throughout a new Parliament would be a disaster. If the return is to be made to orderly procedure it can only be made now. A long session protracted to about the middle of next year would throw the session proper to the year back to about the same date as that of the present year. And the same thing again the next year, and the one after. The opportunity of a desirable reform would be missed without the gain of a single day in time, and at the expense of making confusion and arrears permanent in our Parliamentary life. We feel assured that should the Premier finally decide on this course he would regret the decision throughout his term of office, and while cordially in accord with him in his desire to get at the transaction of business at the earliest possible moment, we trust that he will yet consider whether this desire cannot be compassed in a much preferable way.

The Supreme Court has by a unanimous judgment upheld the decision of the Land Appeal Court in the matter of the extension of the Central division leases. In the case before the Courts the land board had recommended an extension of three years, and the lessee had appealed to the Land Appeal Court with the view of having the term lengthened. A preliminary objection was raised for the Crown to the effect that inasmuch as a notification had been issued by the Minister in February, 1893, that no extensions would be granted, the land board had not power to recommend any, and the appeal of the lessee to obtain a longer extension could not be entertained. The extension was recommended under the provisions of section 43 of the Act of 1889; and the Land Appeal Court, holding that the notification of February, 1893, did not apply to recommendations and extensions of leases under these provisions, dismissed the objection. Upon this a case was stated for the Supreme Court, where, after argument against the decision, but without reply from the other side, this decision was pronounced to be entirely correct. This leaves the question of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the recommendation in the particular case still to be dealt with; but the importance of yesterday's judgment arises from the fact that the preliminary objection in this case struck at the rights of hundreds of other lessees to whom extensions have been granted. Those rights, which were challenged through the objection in this case, have now, in a similar sense, been established. It is understood that the new Minister for Lands had previously come to the conclusion that the question should not be carried beyond the Supreme Court. He will probably feel the more satisfied with that decision when he finds that the three Judges were unanimous, and that the Chief Justice regarded the case as "entirely too clear for argument."

The cause of trouble to most of those who have not seen through the case so clearly has been the coupling together of two things that were separate and independent of each other, that is to say leases under the Act of 1884 and leases under the Act of 1889. The Act of 1884 provided for leases either granted under that Act or brought under its operation. One of its provisions was that pastoral lessees should have "a right at the expiration of their leases to an extension thereof for the term of five years," subject to certain conditions as to payment of rent, but without any condition in relation to improvements. But this right was limited by the proviso that it might be destroyed by a notification, given by the Minister in the *Gazette* two years prior to the expiration of the lease, that no such extension would be given. The conferring of this right and the limitation of it by this proviso are to be found in subsection IV. of section 78 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. In 1889 the land law was overhauled and an amending Act was passed, and new provisions were made in the case of pastoral leases. In the first place, it was provided that all leases granted after the commencement of the new Act should be granted subject to its provisions as amending the old or principal Act. Next, it was provided that any lessee—except a pastoral lessee in the Eastern division—who held a lease granted before the commencement of the new Act might bring it under the new provisions by making application within a prescribed time. But, as if to prevent any misunderstanding like that which has actually occurred, it was also provided that if no such application were made the lease should remain and continue to be dealt with as if the new Act had not been passed. These provisions are to be found in section 29 of the Act of 1889. After that, in section 43, come the arrangements expressly made for a new system of extension of leases expressly in consideration of improvements by the lessee. Strong efforts had been made in previous days to procure for lessees a right to compensation for improvements; but these had failed, and the new system, recognising the policy of encouraging improvement, offered an extension of lease instead. Application had to be made by the lessee; inquiry had to be made by the land board as to the character and value of the improvements. Upon the result of this inquiry a recommendation of extension was to be founded, but the term was to have relation to the value of the improvements, and was never to exceed five years. And finally, instead of there being any proviso as to a Ministerial veto, the Minister was empowered only to accept a recommendation, or refer it to the Land Appeal Court, whose decision he was directed to carry into effect. There should not be any difficulty in perceiving that the leases under the Act of 1884 and the leases under the Act of 1889 are different in character—that in the one case the peremptory veto is the accompaniment of an otherwise absolute right; and that in the other there is no room for a peremptory Ministerial veto because the grant of an extension is dependent upon the value of improvements, judicially ascertained. The Chief Justice made it abundantly clear that section 78 of the old Act stands by itself, and that section 43 of the new Act also stands by itself; and further, that whilst any lease held under the old Act, and not brought under the operation of the new one, would be held with the rights and subject to the limitation under the 78th section of that statute, any lease granted or brought under the operation of the Act of 1889 would be held with the rights and subject to the conditions of section 43 of the new statute. The two schemes are manifestly distinct, but whilst they may co-exist apart they cannot be patched together.

This way of treating the case renders it unnecessary to discuss the question whether the proviso in section 78 of the old Act was or was not repealed by implication by section 43 of the new one. But, as the Chief Justice points out, it was not repealed; it stood good for all leases not brought under the Act of 1889, but it was not to be referred to or to have any effect in relation to leases brought under that statute. Mr. COPELAND should feel satisfaction in the discovery that the case may be presented in this twofold aspect. If at the time when he issued that notice of February, 1893, by way of keeping the ground clear for future legislation, there were leases in the Central division not brought under the provisions of the new Act, his notice was not waste-paper. And, on the other hand, he took the right and safe course, notwithstanding the issue of that notice, in afterwards allowing the proceedings under the 43rd section of the new Act to go on, because he had no legal power to stop them. We may doubt, however, whether, at the time when this subject was discussed in Parliament, he had a clear idea of the extent or the limitation of his Ministerial powers. At any rate, he failed to make the case as plain as it now is before the Assembly.

Though the rain has not been considerable in the Eastern division of the colony, it has been general and large in the interior. Our telegrams during the last few days will have shown that the fall has been entirely beneficial and welcome. Taking the pastoral region of the West and South, we see that from Deniliquin on the Murray to Wentworth on the Darling, and thence northerly to the Queensland border, rain has fallen, varying in amount from about two inches to less than half an inch, but everywhere wanted. The weather during shearing time is a matter of not a little moment to squatters and shearers. To the former, rain then means inconvenience to the sheep concentrated about the sheds and general loss of time; to the shearers, it spells idleness. But, having in view the troubles of the present shearing season and the pastoral outlook for the summer, the delay attendant upon so timely and useful a rain will not be regretted. And then, as to the agricultural sections of the country, our messages from Forbes, Mudgee, Braidwood, Goulburn, and other centres in the midland indicate that both as facilitating late ploughing and as helping the young crops the rain is of the most considerable benefit to farmers. In the coastal districts, such as the Illawarra, the Hawkesbury, and more to the northward, not so much rain has fallen as could be wished, but the warmer temperatures now set in will bring about a better result from the smaller downfall than could have come from a heavier rain weeks ago. Already several of our correspondents notice signs of an early and promising spring. Probably, too, this moist change and milder temperature will help to remove much of the prevalent sickness, while animals will improve, now that the frosts have taken up and more feed is available. The season is yet too young for predictions, but at least the wide extent of the break in the weather and the duration of the change are auspicious in the direction of falsifying the fears of a dry summer. That alarm had begun to be entertained, and the long continuance of dry weather throughout the colony warranted it. The sequence of sunshine has been most acceptably interrupted, and things are in train for a good season in the great producing interests of New South Wales.

CENTRAL DIVISION LEASES.—The judgment of the Land Appeal Court delivered on the 15th instant on an appeal by the E. S. and A. Bank against the decision of the Balranald Local Land Board granting an extension for three years of the lease of a station called Tala came before the Full Court yesterday for review. The bank had appealed on the ground that the term of extension was insufficient, and before the merits of the case were gone into a preliminary objection was raised on behalf of the Minister for Lands that the local land board had no power to make such a recommendation, and consequently the Land Court had no jurisdiction to entertain it. This contention was based on a notification which had appeared in the *Government Gazette* of 10th February, 1893, intimating that in the case of certain specified leases in the Central division—including Tala—no extension of lease would be granted at the expiry of the original lease on the 10th July, 1895. For the bank it was claimed that the Minister for Lands' proclamation in the *Government Gazette* was in effect illegal, as under the Land Act of 1889 lessees of holdings in the Central division would, on making application two years before the expiry of the lease, be entitled to a renewal if they made certain improvements which were approved by the local land board, as was the case with the bank. The Land Court overruled the objection, and held that the bank having satisfied the local land board that it had complied with the provisions of the Act as to improvements, was entitled to a renewal, notwithstanding the proclamation of the 10th February, 1893. The Minister for Lands desiring to appeal, the Land Court stated a special case for the decision of the Full Court, and that tribunal, after hearing counsel for the Minister, and without calling upon counsel for the respondent bank, unanimously dismissed the appeal. The Bench, which consisted of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Windeyer, and Mr. Justice Innes, was unanimously of opinion that the notification of the 10th February, 1893, did not operate to prevent the provisions of the Act of 1889 applying to the holder of the pastoral lease of Tala. Their Honors added that to come to any other decision would work the greatest possible injustice in the case.

DREDGE SERVICE—EXPENDITURE OF THE VOTE.—The Minister for Public Works, in the course of his reply to a deputation yesterday, said the vote for the dredge service of the whole colony for 1894 would be expended this month, and either the service would have to be discontinued or be paid for out of the Treasurer's Advance Account. This account was already low, and with the additional strain of the dredge service it would be impossible to sanction public works to be paid for from this fund.

OCEAN-STREET TRAM FARES.—Yesterday morning a deputation, accompanied by Messrs. Chapman and Martin, Ms.L.A., waited upon the Railway Commissioners to request them to make some alterations in the proposed sections on the Ocean-street cable tramway. Two proposals were submitted to the Commissioners, one being for penny sections throughout, the sections to end at the junction of Boomerang and William streets, Victoria-street, and Ocean-street, respectively; the alternative proposal was that the first 2d section should end at Roslyn-street instead of Victoria-street. Mr. Eddy, the Chief Commissioner, in reply, said that the Ocean-street tram, instead of costing only £80,000, had cost no less than £160,000. It was the duty of the Commissioners to do their best to make the line pay, and the proposed system of fares had been organised with that object. At present the Commissioners could not give a definite reply to the deputation, but they would carefully consider the representations which had been made before deciding what they would do.

LEASING OF THE RAILWAY MEAT MARKETS.—In connection with the carriage of dead meat by rail, either for local consumption or export, the Railway Commissioners are calling for tenders for the leasing of the premises known as the Railway Meat Markets at Darling Harbour. The lease is to commence from the 1st January next, and will be for a period of 15 years. The premises are equipped as a meat market, and have also cold storage chambers and machinery, together with a large basement area underneath. Subject to certain conditions which are set forth, the lessees will have practically complete control of the markets.

ORANGES FROM MILDURA.—Yesterday the Department of Agriculture received a box of very fine oranges which had been grown at Mildura, and which were exhibited with other fruit at the Mildura Conference. Some apples were also sent. The fruit, which had been packed in ti-tree bark, was in excellent condition, and was inspected by quite a number of people at the department yesterday. Among the oranges three of the varieties are new to New South Wales, namely, the paper-rind St. Michael, a beautiful, thin-skinned little orange about the size of a mandarin, the Homosana, an almost seedless orange, the tree of which is thorny; and the Mediterranean Sweet. The rest of the oranges were chiefly Washington Navels. Mr. A. H. Benson, the fruit expert of the department, who has just returned from Mildura, states that the conference was a decided success, and will be of great benefit to the fruit industry in all the colonies. In order to facilitate combined action among the fruitgrowers in all the colonies, it was decided to form an Australian Federated Fruitgrowers' Association, which will meet from time to time in the different colonies and discuss all matters relating to the fruit industry. Mr. Benson says the show of citrus and dried fruits at Mildura was very good.

CHINESE LOOFAHS.—The Department of Agriculture has received some samples of Chinese loofahs, or vegetable sponges, grown at Denman. These belong to the cucumber tribe, and when the fleshy part has decayed and been washed away a mass of fibrous woody material remains, which is very serviceable for washing and scrubbing. The plant is known as the dishcloth gourd. The loofahs can be grown at a very small cost, and it is stated that a satisfactory price can readily be obtained for them.

THE PLANET MARS.—MR. RUSSELL'S OPINION.—With reference to our London correspondent's cable, which stated that the astronomer in charge of the Lick Observatory has ascertained that the planet Mars has not an atmosphere, Mr. H. C. Russell when seen last night said:—The cablegram raises an interesting question. For many years—since 1867—it has been accepted on the evidence of Dr. Huggins, obtained by means of the spectroscope, that the planet Mars has an atmosphere something like the atmosphere of the earth, and that it has water vapour, which would of course entirely agree with the supposition that the white patches on the poles of the planet are composed of snow, because the snow of the earth is formed by the moisture in the atmosphere, and it is fair to assume that an atmosphere on another planet similarly charged with moisture would produce snow at the poles. Beyond this, however, the proofs that the polar caps of Mars are snow is not very satisfactory. Observers of the surface of Mars are familiar with the strange variations in the visibility of the markings of the planet, and naturally they have assumed that this uncertainty is caused by clouds of vapour floating in the atmosphere of the planet. This has been the accepted view for many years, but it is difficult to say what may have been done at the Lick Observatory. They have there a splendid opportunity, and one of the largest and best furnished telescopes in the world, and they may have been able to ascertain some facts which Dr. Huggins could not see with his smaller instrument. I am not in a position to express an opinion as to what has been gleaned at the Lick Observatory until I see a report in full.

MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL ROLLS.—The Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Sir W. P. Manning) yesterday held revision courts in the Cook, Fitzroy, Phillip, and Denison Wards of the city of Sydney, for the purpose of revising the municipal rolls. There were no objections and no additions, and the existing rolls were confirmed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AT ENFIELD.—The electric light cables at Enfield appear to have proved an obstruction to the work of erecting telephones on the Liverpool-road, as at the last meeting of the local council the Deputy Postmaster-General requested the early removal of the cable posts. The council clerk reported that as the result of an interview by the Mayor, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage had sent an officer to mark out the board's pipe line reserve, to which the contractor for lighting would transfer the main cable from the Liverpool-road.

WESTERN SUBURBS COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—On Wednesday the first cases were admitted to the recently-opened Western Suburbs Cottage Hospital. One was that of a boy suffering from disease of the hip, and the other that of a woman with an acute attack of influenza. The nursing staff of the hospital at present consists of a matron (Miss Heron), a trained nurse, and a probationer.

ABORIGINES PROTECTION BOARD.—At a meeting of the Aborigines Protection Board held in the office of the Inspector-General of Police yesterday, it was resolved to represent to the Government the necessity of a visit being paid at least once a month to the aborigines who are quartered near Grafton, the visit to be made by the Government medical officer of the district, and that he should also visit the camp when necessity should arise, and that he should attend to aborigines who may go into Grafton to visit him there.

THE QUESTION OF MIXED BATHING.—The following bylaw on the subject of mixed bathing, passed by the Newcastle Borough Council, has been approved, and appeared in a supplement to the *Gazette* yesterday:—"Bathing at the Beach: It shall be lawful for all persons, whether male or female, to bathe in the sea at all times and at all hours of the day at those parts or portions of the sea beach within the municipality duly set apart and defined as male and female places. Provided such persons desirous of bathing, being male or female, shall be clothed or covered from the neck and shoulders to the knees with a suitable bathing dress or costume to prevent exposure or indecency; such clothing or covering shall be approved of by the council or other persons employed by the council as caretaker or caretakers. That portion or part of the beach set apart for females or young children shall not be encroached or trespassed upon by any male or males above the age of 7 years, nor shall the part or portion of the beach set apart for males be encroached or trespassed upon by any female or females. Any person infringing the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding £1 nor less than 1s.

EXCURSIONS TO THE NATIONAL PARK.—The efforts made both by the Railway Commissioners and the Trustees to make the National Park more popular have been crowned with considerable success, many more persons now visiting this charming locality than in the past. The opening up of the various drives has revealed much additional scenery. It is believed that the large open field near the Loftus railway station would be a suitable place for cricket, football, golf, &c., and the Railway Commissioners have accordingly arranged to issue cheap fares on Saturdays.

ODDFELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.—The fifteenth anniversary of Captain Cook Lodge, G.U.O.O.F., was celebrated by a plain and fancy dress ball in the Oddfellows' Hall, Ashfield, on Wednesday night. The hall was nicely decorated, and there were about 70 persons present. During the evening the Deputy District Master delivered an address on the aims and objects of the order. He stated that the local lodge was in a good position as regarded membership, and that its assets at present amounted to £650.

NEW MAP OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—We have received from Messrs. George Philip and Son, the English geographical publishers, a new geological sketch map of the colony of Western Australia, prepared by Mr. Harry P. Woodward, Government Geologist. It is much more than that, for it is an admirably clear and full geographical map up to recent dates. As the main interest of the map is geological, it shows by difference of colours the areas proved to contain minerals. This in the case of a map drawn and prepared in London, when auriferous discovery is proceeding so rapidly in the colony, cannot be expected to be minutely accurate, but it is useful and trustworthy as far as it goes.

GOLD FOSSICKERS.—Yesterday 88 members of the unemployed were recommended by the Mines Department to Mr. Creer, of the Government Labour Bureau, to be sent fossicking for gold.

THE GLEBE TRAGEDY.—Further improvement was shown yesterday in the condition of Mrs. Watson, who was shot by her husband, William Watson, at the Glebe, on Monday.

A BRAKE FOR STEAMERS.—The Dunkirk correspondent of the London *Evening Standard* writes:—"It would seem that M. Turpin's sensational *démêlés* with the officials whose business it is to inquire into the merit of inventions have resulted in the removal of some of the difficulties which obstructed the progress of inventors. I am informed that a very clever contrivance, planned by an inhabitant of this town, which may be briefly described as a brake for steamers, is about to be carefully examined, after having been put aside for more than three years. The invention was tested in my presence with the following result:—The brake had been fitted on a small steam launch, and the inventor had requested your correspondent to give the required signal to stop. The engine was at full speed ahead, and the launch steamed at the top of her speed in a lock, on the wall of which I was standing. Just as she was passing under the bridge, I gave the signal by firing a pistol; the brake was put on, and the launch stopped almost instantaneously, certainly without forging ahead more than two or three feet. The experiment was repeated successfully three times. The brake consists of a contrivance rendering the blades of the propeller movable, and its inventor states that it can be used for steamers up to 200 tons register. It certainly would prove invaluable for torpedo boats and small river craft."

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with Mr. R. Septimus Pryce to assist in the management of the forthcoming Patents and Inventions Exhibition. Mr. Pryce carried out the New South Wales Engineers' Exhibition of 1883, and the Victorian Exhibition of 1884.

WE have received from the Photoline Printing Company a copy of the sheet of portraits executed by them of the aboriginal cricket team which visited England in 1868. It is an excellent production, and the likenesses have been very well brought out.

THE N.S.W. Artillery Regiment Band, under the direction of Brigade Bandmaster Devery, will, weather permitting, perform in Hyde Park this afternoon.

THE Labour Home report for the week ended 18th August is as follows:—Meals served, 832; beds occupied, 274; remaining, 38.

TO-DAY.

North Sydney Orphans' Club: Ladies' Concert.
Second Garrison Division Artillery: Meeting of the Friends of the late S. M. Hund, Victoria Barracks, 8 p.m.
Annual Meeting of the Randwick Borough C.C.: Town Hall, Randwick, 8 p.m.
Meeting of South Sydney Electorate C.C.: Mackay's, Crown and Gipps streets, 8 p.m.
Flinders L.E.L.: Meeting. Australian Association Rooms, 268 Oxford-street, 8 p.m.
Cookery: Lecture by Miss Whiteside, School of Arts, 3.
Lillie Bridge: Pony Racing and Trotting, this afternoon.
The Bushrangers: Austral Gallery, Strand Arcade.
Lyceum Theatre: "Mam'selle Nitouche," 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "My Jack," 7.45 p.m.
School of Arts: Variety Entertainment and Benefit Performance, 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: New Tivoli Minstrels and Specialty Company Benefit to Mr. Leete, 8 p.m.
Crystal Maze, Strand Arcade: Open daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE WAR IN COREA.

FIGHTING AT PINGYANG AND CHUNGHO.

LONDON, Aug. 22.

In the battle between the Chinese and Japanese troops at Pingyang and Chungho in Corea on Friday last, in which the Japanese are reported to have suffered a heavy loss, 25,000 men were engaged on each side.

JAPANESE WAR LOANS.

PATRIOTISM OF THE NOBLES.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Besides the Japanese loan of 50,000,000 dollars (£8,500,000) which has been fully subscribed in Japan, the Japanese nobles have subscribed 80,000,000 dollars (nearly £13,500,000) for war purposes, and refuse to accept interest on the money.

THE GERMAN SQUADRON REINFORCED.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The German squadron on the China station has been further reinforced.

THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON IN THE PACIFIC.

TO BE REINFORCED BY NINE WARSHIPS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The Russian Government denies the truth of the statement made public on 2nd August to the effect that eight Russian ironclads with troops on board had left Vladivostock under sealed orders.

It, however, announces that the Russian squadron in the Pacific is to be reinforced by nine warships.

ILLNESS OF THE CZAR.

MILITARY MANŒUVRES COUNTERMANDED.

LONDON, Aug. 22.

The great manœuvres of the Russian army, which were to have taken place shortly at Smolensk, have been countermanded owing to the illness of the Czar.

The Czar is suffering from an attack of influenza.

HEALTH OF PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

LONDON, Aug. 22.

President Cleveland, who was reported to be suffering from an attack of Bright's disease, is now better.

WEST AUSTRALIAN LAND COMPANY.

SCHEME OF RECONSTRUCTION.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The directors of the West Australian Land Company, Limited, have formulated a scheme of reconstruction under which it is proposed to exchange the first mortgage and convertible debentures into first and second debenture stock, the rate of interest to remain unchanged. The stock is to be irredeemable, except in the event of liquidation, or of the sale of the railway.

The West Australian Land Company, Limited, was formed to take over and carry out a contract with the Government of Western Australia for the construction of the Great Southern Railway of Western Australia, the line from Albany to Beverley, where it joins the Government Eastern Line from Perth, a distance of 243 miles, and a pier at Albany of 1700ft., the Government granting a subsidy of 12,000 acres of land per mile of railway. The subsidy lands are now nearly all granted, the line having been completed in May, 1889.

AUSTRALASIAN MORTGAGE AND AGENCY COMPANY.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The directors of the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, have decided to make a call of £1 per share on the unpaid capital.

THE ALLEGED BULLET-PROOF CUIRASS.

HERR DOWE WOUNDED.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Herr Dowe has been wounded while exhibiting his alleged bullet-proof cuirass at Aix-la-Chapelle, in Prussia.

Attired in the cuirass, the inventor allowed himself to be shot at. The bullet pierced the cuirass, and, as already stated, wounded Herr Dowe.

THE BUTTER EXPORT TRADE.

A GLUT IN THE MARKET.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

According to a forecast of the butter season it is estimated that owing to there being 1500 tons of colonial butter at present stored in London, the large quantity stored in Ireland, and the very abundant European and British hay crops, and also an expected large increase in the export from Australasia, the price of colonial butter will average from 15s to 20s below that obtained last season.

TASMANIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

A special session of Parliament will probably be held at an early date to reintroduce the Assessment Bill, the probate tax, and the bill to amend the constitution of the Council on the South Australian lines, giving power to dissolve the Council.

Preparations are being made to collect the income tax. Mr. Butler, commissioner and collector of taxes, will be the income tax commissioner. Mr. F. Ferguson has been appointed district commissioner of the northern portion of the colony. No new offices will be created, but the whole strength of the Civil Service will be called into requisition. Notices will be sent out forthwith.

The first Civil Service examination was held at Hobart to-day. There were six candidates.

The Secretary for Mines has received a telegram from reliable sources stating that the Comet mine is looking splendid. A new lode was struck early this morning.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE UNITED STATES TARIFF.

REMOVAL OF THE DUTY ON WOOL.

A TECHNICAL OMISSION.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Owing to a technical omission in the new American tariff, duty will have to be paid on 23,000,000lb. of wool at present in bond, unless it be exported and re-imported.

INCREASED TRADE IN WOOL EXPECTED.

A WOOL EXCHANGE STARTED IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

A Wool Exchange has been started in New York, in expectation of an increased trade in that staple as the result of the operation of the new tariff, under which wool will be admitted free.

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Mr. J. S. Larke, who was the Canadian delegate at the Chicago World's Fair, has been appointed to proceed to Australia on behalf of the Dominion Government on a mission in connection with the extension of trade relations between Canada and Australia.

THE PACIFIC-ATLANTIC STEAM SERVICE.

MR. HUDDART'S STEAMERS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The *Times* urges Great Britain and Australasia to subsidise Mr. James Huddart's Pacific-Atlantic line of steamers on national grounds as a means of more complete communication between the distant parts of the Empire, and apart from all commercial considerations of profit and loss.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLDFIELDS.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondents.)

RICH STONE AT I.O.U.

A SPLENDID TRIAL CRUSHING.

COOLGARDIE, Thursday.

Considerable improvement has taken place in Tindall's mine during the past few days. In the northern underlay shaft, at a depth of 39ft., the reef opened out to 2ft. 6in. in width, showing nice gold all through. The gold is fine, but well scattered all through the quartz. In addition to the reef there is big dirt 2ft. wide on the footwall side of the lode, carrying gold in payable quantities. This formation is peculiar to Tindall's. The dirt closely resembles kaolin, and carries gold almost wherever it is met with in the mine. The Bendigo Coolgardie Company received the balance of the 3-stamp battery to-day. This company has also struck a big flow of water in the vertical shaft at a depth of 90ft. The water will remain in the shaft till it is wanted; but there is apparently an ample supply for the battery. Brennan and party struck rich stone at I.O.U. on the surface. The stone brought in is wonderfully rich, but so far the reef has not been opened up. Brennan and party pegged 12 acres after the discovery of the reef on the 14th August, and subsequently two other parties pegged 6 acres each. Being mounted, they reached the warden's office and lodged their applications before Brennan, who walked straight in, covering 50 miles by noon the next day. When the application for the leases came on for hearing Mr. C. Mann appeared for Brennan, and secured the registration of the leases, a 12-acre lease being recommended. The Warden ruled that the pegger-out of the leases was protected, if he used reasonable haste in making his application. A trial crushing of stone from Burbank's Birthday Gift mine, at Coolgardie, was made at the Ballarat School of Mines, with the following results:—No. 1 sample, 2qr. 17lb. quartz, yielded equal to 105oz. gold per ton, exclusive of pyrites and tailings. No. 2 sample, quartz weighing 2qr. 11lb., yielded at the rate of 31oz. gold per ton.

RICH FINDS NEAR YALGOO.

PERTH, Thursday.

News from the Murchison states that a rich find was made on the 4th instant 16 miles south-east of Yalgoo by Nottle and a South Australian party. There was much excitement in Yalgoo over the find, and at midnight on the 15th instant a rush set in to the place. There is a large quantity of stone on the surface, studded with coarse gold. No sinking has yet been done, but a large area has been pegged out. The find is said to be a second Emerald as regards surface richness. Another find has been made 3½ miles beyond Melville, and Yalgoo is nearly deserted for the present in consequence. The find beyond Melville was made by Criddle and Claxton. There is said to be a very rich leader. The locality of Nottle's find is known as "Bill Brother," and specimens at Yalgoo go nearly 100oz. to the ton.

QUEENSLAND.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The following new appointments to the Legislative Council were gazetted to-day:—Robert Bulcock, Charles Hardie Buzacott, John Wilkie Gray, Albert Norton, all of Brisbane; and John Ferguson, of Rockhampton.

REARRANGEMENT OF MINISTERS' PORTFOLIOS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A slight rearrangement of the portfolios of Ministers has been decided upon, and will take effect from to-day. The Hon. R. Philp will take the portfolio of Minister for Public Instruction, and the Hon. W. H. Wilson will retain the Postmaster-Generalship until the return of the Hon. A. J. Thynne from Canada, when the latter gentleman will take the position of Postmaster-General. Mr. Wilson will retain his seat in the Ministry without a portfolio.

TINNED MEATS FOR THE FRENCH ARMY.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Central Meat Export Company has secured a large contract with the French Government for the supply of tinned meats for the army. Yesterday the steamer Konoowarra took from Brisbane 4700 cases of tinned meats for transhipment to the French mail steamer Australien, at Sydney. This is the third shipment of almost a similar quantity made during the last six weeks, and is but a very small portion of the contract.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The kanaka Sallywally, who is charged with the murder of a kanaka named Harry Mayo on board the schooner May whilst she was anchored off Maran Sound, was to-day committed for trial to the next sittings of the District Court, to be held on Monday next.

VICTORIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

THE MISSIONARY STEAMER JOHN WILLIAMS.

WELCOME TO CAPTAIN TURPIE AND OFFICERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A public meeting was held in the Collins-street Independent Church to-night to welcome Captain Turpie and the officers of the London Missionary Society's steamer John Williams. The Mayor of Melbourne presided. Captain Turpie, in acknowledging the welcome, said that he did not trade in the South Seas. He challenged the world to say so. They were not engaged in commercial transactions at all, and carried no weapons.

THE LARKIN FRAUDS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The trial of Matthias Larkin, formerly secretary of the South Melbourne Building Society, on the charge of embezzling £1446 and £500, the moneys of the society, was concluded this afternoon. The Chief Justice directed the prisoner's acquittal on the ground that there was no evidence to support the charge. The Chief Justice proceeded to sentence Larkin for the embezzlement of £3398, the charge on which he was found guilty yesterday. His Honor passed a sentence of five years' imprisonment, cumulative on the sentence of six years which the prisoner is now serving.

LIQUOR PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN AT MILDURA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At Mildura Mr. Tennyson Smith's liquor prohibition campaign is exciting considerable interest. The second week of successful meetings is now in progress. Last night a resolution declaring that section 176 of the Licensing Act had not received a fair trial, and urging the desirability of administrative arrangements being made between the police and the excise departments, was carried, with only three dissentients.

THE LIBEL ACTION SPEIGHT v. SYME.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Arguments in the libel action Speight v. Syme were commenced to-day. Mr. Purves, Q.C., opened his address on behalf of the defendant, and devoted considerable time to explaining the length to which newspapers might go in commenting upon public matters. He then proceeded to deal with the manner in which Mr. Speight carried out his duties, and with the articles commenting thereon published in the *Age* newspaper. Mr. Purves was dealing with the articles in detail when the Court rose.

ANNUAL SALES OF STUD SHEEP.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Messrs. Powers, Rutherford, and Co. brought their annual sales of stud sheep to a close to-day, when they sold consignments of longwool and Downs sheep from the principal breeders of Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand. There was a large attendance of buyers, and the sale was the most successful held for very many years, especially for Lincolns, of which there was a remarkably good representation. Competition was keen throughout, and some splendid prices were realised. The highest obtained were the following:—50 guineas for a ram bred by W. and R. Forsyth, Rochester Park; 47 guineas for one bred by Thomas Powling, Fernlea Park. The last-named breeder also got 27, 31, 26, and 22 guineas for his whole consignment of nine animals, averaging £26 14s 6d. Twenty rams were sold for L. R. Carter, of Clunes, up to 15 guineas, averaging £7 4s; 30 rams of C. Raper's, Rochester, averaged £7 12s; 11 rams sold for W. and R. Forsyth, Rochester Park, averaged £26 3s 6d; four ewes for the same breeders averaged £18 18s; three rams sold for T. Rutledge averaged £19; 15 Argyle's, Kyneton, averaged £4 15s; 15 Skilbeck's, Yangery Grove, made up to 40 guineas, and averaged £11 2s. Leicester sheep sold at satisfactory prices all round. Shropshires realised high prices.

POPULATION OF THE COLONY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Hayter, the Government Statist, estimates the population of the colony on the 30th June last as 1,173,469, comprising 605,119 males and 568,350 females. Males show a decrease for the quarter of 432, and females show an increase of 1767.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An application was made to Mr. Justice a'Beckett to-day to attach John Knox Mccredy for contempt in failing to pay the costs awarded against him in insolvency proceedings, amounting to £100 10s. The decision was reserved.

M. De Jardin, Consul-General for France, has received a letter from France acknowledging the sympathy and condolence manifested in Victoria in connection with the death of President Carnot.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

THE LOVELY GULLY MURDER.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

With the near approach of his death, a great change has come over the man Brown, who was sentenced to death for the Lovely Gully murder. He is now in a very different state of mind from what he was a few days ago. The Church of England chaplain, the Rev. T. Field, visits the convict every day, and his ministrations of religion are received with great attention from the doomed man. The execution will take place at 8 o'clock on Friday morning.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF CYRIL TYLER.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Town Hall was crowded to-night on the occasion of the first appearance in Australia of Cyril Tyler, the boy soprano. The numbers on the programme were Benedict's variations on "Le Carnival de Venice," Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," and Gounod's "Ave Maria." Each item was vociferously encored. Cyril Tyler was not slow to convince the enthusiastic audience that besides possessing a rare gift he is a true artist.

MARITIME CONFERENCE AT HOBART.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

A spirit of federation pervaded the boardroom of the Marine Board this afternoon, when the board met for the purpose of considering the official report of the recent maritime conference at Hobart. Numerous recommendations were discussed and were for the most part approved of.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Special Reporter.)

YOUNG, Thursday.

The twenty-third annual show of the Burrangong Agricultural Association was opened this morning with damp weather. The new show ground is 30 acres in extent and about a mile from town. It has been occupied for about two years, and is very level. The improvements cost £2000. The entries numbered over a thousand. Many visitors came from Sydney. Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. G. H. Greene, and Mr. J. C. Watson represented the Parliament. The exhibition of blood stock was very good. The chief exhibitors were—W. J. Hills, Herbert Taylor, J. D. Mackenzie, and W. R. Parkman; in draughts, R. Johnston (of Grenfell), D. P. Mackenzie, P. Kearns, and T. Dwyer; coaching, H. Ekin. The ground was rather damp for jumping. The chief contest had nine entries, and will be decided to-morrow. There are also five entries for the ladies' jumping contest. The chief exhibitors and prizetakers in cattle are—W. J. Hills, W. L. King, Donald M'Kenzie, W. Rutherford, H. D. Thackeray, and C. H. Roberts. The show of fat stock was admirable. Merino sheep were a very important section. The chief winners were—W. R. Parkman, H. W. Shuttleworth, W. J. Hills, W. Marina, J. D. M'Kenzie. Parkman won the champion prize for ram. In long-wools J. A. Wallace was the chief winner. E. Taylor won several in pigs. The principal prize-takers in farm produce were—Taylor, Summerhayes, Wiggins, and Dawe; in dairy produce—Miss Stewart, George Webb, and J. A. Fowler. There was a large exhibit of buggies, mainly shown by John Rogan and David Reid, local makers, and Commens and Dwyer, from Wollongong. Industrial exhibits had a fair representation. The management was of a good kind. Mr. C. Wright, the secretary, Mr. John Forsythe, president, and Mr. Donald Mackenzie worked well in furthering the work of the judges.

NEW ZEALAND.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL TEAM.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The New South Wales Football team arrived here to-day after a pleasant passage from Sydney, and were accorded a public reception at the Harbour Board offices. Among those present were the Mayor of Auckland, the president of the New Zealand Rugby Union, the president of the Auckland Union, and a large number of prominent footballers. The various speakers extended a cordial welcome to the team. The first match will be played on Saturday.

AUSTRALASIAN PARLIAMENTS.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondents.)

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

In the Assembly to-day, Mr. Powers resigned the leadership of the Opposition. He said that last session, with the consent of the labour party, he held the position of real leader; but, before assembling this year, he received a communication from the labour party, saying that the arrangement must terminate. He had still held the position, though as nominal leader, hoping that the party would see the advantage of a combined opposition after the recent divisions. That apparently was not possible, and his party now thought that in justice to the House he should make a statement. The Premier expressed his regret, and asked who intended taking up the position. The question was not answered, Mr. Glassey not being present. The debate on Mr. Glassey's motion in regard to conciliation in industrial disputes was resumed and carried on till tea time, when it was adjourned. Mr. Midson and Mr. Reid only spoke, the first-named for the squatters and the latter for the shearers. Nothing new was said. After tea the Premier moved,—"That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday." Mr. Fisher asked that the motion be withdrawn so as to permit of Mr. Glassey's motion being discussed next day. The Premier said the matter was one for the House, and not himself, to decide. A long and acrimonious discussion ensued, in which all the labour members took part. At 9 o'clock the motion was carried on division, the question being decided in the affirmative. The Speaker read correspondence that had passed between the Governor and himself in reference to the extension of the Governor's term of office. Sir Henry Norman said he would remain till December, 1895. Mr. Byrnes moved the second reading of the Stamp Bill, and said the bill provided for the consolidation of existing Acts under the provisions of the Imperial Acts and decisions of courts. He denied that the Government did not intend to impose fresh taxation for a while. Taxation would be put on in some cases and relief would be furnished in others. The debate was adjourned. The House then rose.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Council the Women's Franchise Bill was read the third time by 13 to 9, and passed.

In the Assembly Mr. Brooker presented a petition from Joan Heaysman, a working blocker and a Quaker, asking that he be heard at the bar of the House for the life of the man Brown, whose execution is appointed for to-morrow. The leaders of the House resisted Mr. Brooker's motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders with a view to the petitioner being heard on the ground that if the petitioner had new facts they should be revealed to the Executive, but if it was simply desired to set forth religious scruples to the carrying out of capital punishment it was a matter of no urgency. After discussion, in which the general sentiment appeared to be that the Executive had acted wisely, the murder being described as callous, cruel, and cold-blooded, the House adopted the view of the leaders by 37 to 10. Mr. M'Pherson, speaking for the labour party, continued the debate on the Budget, and indicated continued support to the Kingston Government. Mr. Solomons spoke for two and a half hours on the financial situation, severely criticising the Government method of producing a surplus. The debate was further adjourned, and the House rose at 6.30 p.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday Mr. Trayle's motion for the appointment of a commission to inquire chiefly into the question of the sewerage of Perth and other towns was debated at some length. The debate was further adjourned. Mr. Moran moved a resolution affirming the principle of giving liberal terms either by substantial pecuniary grants or water rights to persons obtaining water on goldfields. The motion was negatived, the general feeling being that it was of too vague a character. The consideration of the Municipalities Bill in committee was resumed, and progress was reported after several clauses had been passed. The most interesting discussion was that which took place on Mr. James's proposal to enable women to be elected mayors of councils. The amendment was negatived on the voices.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Government Railways Act has been introduced by the Premier in the Assembly. The main features of the measure are provisions that a member of the Executive Council be appointed Minister for Railways, and thereby also become a Railway Commissioner, and that by resolution of either House at a future session the railways should revert to the Queen. The Elective Executive Bill was discussed at length and with considerable animation. It was strongly opposed by the Government and was defeated on the second reading by 27 to 21.

THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

VISITS TO GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

Yesterday the Hon. Jacob Garrard, Minister for Public Instruction, paid several formal visits to institutions connected with his department. In the morning he proceeded to the Hurlstone Training College for Female Pupil Teachers, at Prospect-road, Summer Hill. There being a short vacation at present the pupils were absent; but Mr. Garrard was received by the principal of the college Miss Mary M. Everett, and some members of the teaching staff, and made an inspection of the college. The Minister also visited the girls' new school building, which is being erected at Ashfield, and which will be completed within about two months. Subsequently he proceeded to the Observatory, where he was received by Mr. H. C. Russell, Government Astronomer, and made a hurried inspection, being limited to time, but Mr. Garrard was so interested with what he saw that he will probably make another visit. He also visited the Fort-street School, and went through the whole of the departments, addressing a few words of encouragement and counsel to the school children, rounding off his visit with a request that they should be granted a half-holiday. The request was acceded to. To-day Mr. Garrard will visit the Technical College to witness the trial of a machine for testing the strain of timbers, iron, &c. Next week he purposes to visit those institutions which are nominally under the department—the University, Museum, and Grammar School. Later, when the exchanges of pictures shall have been made, he will visit the Art Gallery, and will also take an early opportunity of visiting the training ship Sobraon, and the Girls' Industrial School, Parramatta. Mr. Garrard intends on some future occasion to visit the branch technical schools at Bathurst, Goulburn, Newcastle, and Maitland, probably taking advantage of the adjournment of the House on Fridays for that purpose.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

ANNUAL SHOW.—SECOND DAY.

The Horticultural Society's Winter Daffodil and Camellia Show, which was opened on Wednesday, remained available for public scrutiny yesterday. The attendance during the day was good, and the exhibits appeared to have lost none of their freshness. During the afternoon a number of the inmates of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution visited the show, in company with their teachers and officers, and they manifested great delight in inspecting the floral beauties.

In the evening there was a much larger attendance, doubtless attracted by the musical programme announced by the Naylor Concert Company. Herein Miss Naylor and Miss Sallie Naylor rendered brilliantly the duet (two pianos) "Pas des Cymbales"—dance music by Charminade to which the bizarre application of Oriental colouring gives fantastic effect. Selections were more than ordinarily well played by the Bavarian Brass Band; Mr. Harry Fitzmaurice was encored for "For Ever and For Ever;" and Miss Bessie Morgan, Miss Ada Charlesworth, Miss Jessie Muir, Miss Lobel, Mr. Edgar Straus, and Mr. Percy Bates were also numbered amongst the soloists.

PASTORALISTS AND SHEARERS.

PRESENT POSITION OF AFFAIRS.

A large number of shearers, being the second lot to the order of the Pastoralists' Union, arrived by the s.s. Waihora from New Zealand on Wednesday morning. These men, with a number engaged locally, were despatched to their destinations by special and ordinary trains last evening, and others will join the trains at centres along the several routes. The country agents of the Pastoralists' Union are receiving applications from shearers desirous of working, and during the past two days the men have been showing a strong inclination to effect their engagements in this way, apparently preferring this system to running the risk of being mixed up in rows with the camps, which in several places are picketing the stations. An unusually large number of shearers have also been engaged at the head office of the Pastoralists' Union (irrespective of the New Zealanders) during this week—a somewhat extraordinary circumstance, as at this season most shearers should have found their way to the country. The explanation given, however, is simple. Many of these men are from Tasmania and Victoria, and have been watching the shearing difficulty from afar. Now that they see signs of the approaching collapse of the strike they are hastening to this colony to get first chance at the work.

With reference to the Shearers' Union list of stations published yesterday as shearing under conference agreement and those on strike, the Pastoralists' Union officials state that the list, to their knowledge, is in many instances inaccurate. They say that the unionists appear to be very bitter at losing such strongholds as Brookong and Groongal, as they persist in stating that those places are on strike and shearing with a few men respectively. Mr. Whiteley King states emphatically that Brookong and Groongal are shearing under the Pastoralists' Union agreement, and both with full boards. Sir George Baillie reported the other day that he had started at Benerembah with a full board of 40 shearers, that he could have filled the board twice over, and that the men, eager for work, had gone to other sheds in search of employment. "Yet," says the Pastoralists' Union secretary, "we don't find Benerembah on the shearers' union list as shearing under the Pastoralists' Union agreement." Other sheds in the same vicinity which are shearing under the Pastoralists' agreement, but which are not mentioned in the lists referred to, are Howlong (Carrathool) with a full board, Kerarbury, the property of Mr. J. S. Horsfall, and Hartwood (Blackwood Brothers).

Mr. Donkin, of Lake Cowal, in the Forbes district, has informed the Pastoralists' Union that he commenced shearing on Monday, and last evening Messrs. Clift Brothers, of Breeza, wired that they commenced yesterday with a full board of 44 shearers, and that in their district there is a superabundance of labour of all classes. Shearing is proceeding satisfactorily at all the stations at which difficulty was experienced at the start, the boards being gradually filled by the Pastoralists' Union, who are expecting further large supplies of labour from outside sources, and through agents in this colony. The Pastoralists' Union's view of the position is that the prospect is brightening, and that the recently manifested desire of the men to effect engagements through the Pastoralists organisation heralds the close of the struggle.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondents.)

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

It is announced that Boabula station has consented to the Shearers' Union terms, and that this course has also been followed by two other stations outside this district. It is also stated that Warbreccan station has made a start with a few free labourers. Morago station has started under the 1891 agreement. Fifteen free labourers arrived by to-night's train to be employed on Werai station. They were met by about 30 or 40 unionists. One of the owners of the station was also a passenger by the same train, but beyond a little hooting and some arguments no disturbance whatever occurred, the policemen who were present not having occasion to interfere at all. A vehicle was in waiting for them and they drove off amidst hoots and other remarks from the unionists.

OXLEY, Thursday.

The manager of Oxley station called the roll this morning. There was a great number of union men present. The men declined to accept the P. U. agreement, and went out on strike.

WARIALDA, Thursday.

The roll was called at Dangar's Yallaroi station yesterday. There was a large number of shearers present, and all refused to sign. There was no disturbance, three police being present. Yallaroi is the largest machine shed in the district, and a slight delay will be immaterial. The rain would have prevented shearing in any case. The manager expects a full board shortly.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.

Shearing was progressing favourably at Netallie when rain fell, causing a temporary stoppage. The manager reports that he has a good lot of men. Rain is general all through the district, and shearing has been stopped temporarily at all sheds in consequence.

The Rodney arrived at Wentworth from Echuca yesterday. This steamer has free labourers aboard for the Darling River stations. The Lady of the Lake, with a contingent of police on board for Toarno, passed Menindie en route yesterday.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Information received in town to-day stated that strike matters in the vicinity of Longreach are decidedly quiet, and the general aspect of affairs suggested an early collapse of the strike. Men were leaving the strike camps and rations were being supplied. The unionists contemplated holding a meeting at Isisford to-day, and the general impression in the district was that after the meeting there would be a rush for shearing stands, as numbers of men had received a week's rations.

A Barcaldine telegram states that Manaroo started shearing to-day under the 1891 agreement, the eighth clause and the clauses relating to wet sheep and the cook having been left out of the 1894 agreement. Rouseabouts are to receive 30s a week.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A telegram from St. George (Queensland) states that shearing is proceeding at Bullandoon, Hollie Mount, and Whiyenkah under the 1894 agreement. The Narine, Gnoolawa, and Woolerura shearers have not yet signed, but will probably do so in a few days.

A telegram from Wentworth states that Mr. Higgins, the district secretary of the Pastoralists' Association, received a telegram last night from Tolarno stating that additional police protection is assured, and requesting the despatch of shearers. The Rodney (s.) accordingly proceeds to-day with 44 free labourers. At present there are nine police at Tolarno; but the mob is described as so big and lawless that many more are required to maintain order. Topio station, near there, is shearing and progressing well under the 1894 agreement. All is quiet there. The steamer Trafalgar arrived to-day from down the river. She was somewhat damaged by missiles thrown by the unionists on the bank.

THE MARYBOROUGH TRAGEDY.

A MYSTERIOUS CRIME.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Maryborough tragedy remains shrouded in mystery. The first news received at any early hour this morning was that two of the three children attacked were dead, but later news came to hand to the effect that none of them were dead, but that the recovery of two of them was practically hopeless. Mrs. Vennell's house, in which the tragedy occurred, is a rambling wooden structure situated at the corner of two streets in a part of Maryborough between the Chinese camp and the railway station. The locality is a busy one, and a place where the presence of a stranger would speedily attract notice. Nobody of a suspicious character has been seen in the neighbourhood. The sudden announcement of the tragedy made by Mrs. Vennell's screams startled the whole township, and threw people into a state of painful excitement. The facts ascertained to-day were that about half-past 10 last night Mrs. Vennell left her house to post a letter. She had a few minutes' chat with a neighbour, and was absent from her house for about a quarter of an hour. When she returned she found the bedroom in a most disordered condition, and ransacked. The three children were insensible from wounds inflicted upon their heads by some sharp-edged weapon. Her screams aroused Thomas Williams, an elderly miner, who lodged at the house, but whose sleep was not previously disturbed. There is a slight prospect that the youngest child, a girl aged 3, may recover, but the others, a boy aged 7, and a girl aged 5, are in such a critical condition that their recovery is considered hopeless.

LATER.

Mrs. Vennell states that she has missed £4 or £5 and some jewellery from her house. It is assumed that this has been taken by whoever committed the assault on the children. A medical examination of the injuries inflicted on the children shows that the skull was fractured in each case. The injury was apparently inflicted with a sharp-pointed metal weapon, and might have been caused with the spike end of a corkscrew.

THE WEATHER.

CLEARING-UP SHOWERS ON THE COAST.

By 9 o'clock yesterday morning the rain had cleared off from the interior, after one of the most beneficial changes the colony has had this year. The reports of Wednesday's rainfall received at the Observatory in the morning were from 90 stations, 76 of which sent rain-measurements. They were light to moderate up to three-fourths of an inch at Tamworth. The clearing-up showers on the coast were at Sydney, Barrenjoey, Catherine Hill Bay, Lake Macquarie, and Newcastle to the north, and at Green Cape and Gabo to the south. Some smart squalls came up from between W.S.W. and south at Sydney. At 3 p.m. the force of the wind was 23 miles per hour. Newcastle reported a S.W. gale in the afternoon, and a rough sea was last night running along the southern part of the coast, with the wind strong from S. and S.W. The weather in Bass's Straits was favourable to ships bound from the westward, and as a few are due here something will probably be heard of them to-day about the coast. A spell of fine weather lasting a few days is indicated on the meteorological chart issued by Mr. Russell yesterday afternoon, though a shower or two may fall on the coast again. Dirty weather exists to the south of Albany and is working towards Bass's Straits, but under ordinary circumstances is not due here until the end of the month. To-morrow and Sunday should be fine if the barometers are to be trusted.

(From our Correspondents.)

BOURKE, Thursday.

Further rain reports are: Walgett, 13 points; Tilpa, 25; Barringum, 5; Gongolgon, 15; Byrock, 85; Wilcannia, 10.

CROOKWELL, Thursday.

During the past few days nice showers of rain have fallen. The temperature being higher, the rain has caused the backward crops to make good headway.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

The sky is very cloudy again, as if more rain is imminent.

DUBBO, Thursday.

Beautiful rain fell yesterday, recording altogether 1¼in. It is still overcast, and like more rain.

GULGONG, Thursday.

The weather has cleared. Twenty-three points fell during the last two days. The rain has greatly benefited the crops and grass.

MILLTHORPE, Thursday.

Nice showers have fallen since Tuesday. It is now clearing. Quite sufficient has fallen for present requirements.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

The weather is very threatening and like rain.

STROUD, Thursday.

The weather continues showery.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.

The weather is still threatening. An average of 2in. fell along the Broken Hill track. All coaches are arriving late. Light rains continue to fall on the upper river stations. There is every probability of the Darling River being navigable at the end of the year.

COUNTRY NEWS.

(From our Correspondents.)

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

The municipal council last night decided to discontinue paying the annual subscription to the Municipal Association.

The influenza epidemic is increasing in severity. Whole families are prostrated, while the letter sorters in the mail train are incapacitated from the same disease. Last night the officer at the Blayney post-office had to assume the duties of letter sorter on the night mail train, the regular official being prostrated by influenza.

The requisite number of cows have been guaranteed to warrant the starting of a creamery.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Donohoe, a very old and respected resident of the district, expired suddenly at Oaks this morning.

CROOKWELL, Thursday.

There are several cases of influenza in town. A few are rather severe.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

No selections were taken up at the local lands office to-day.

The river Edwards has fallen to 28ft. 6in., and is slowly falling at the rate of about two inches daily.

The Deniliquin freezing works are to be on a very extensive basis, and when finished will be one of the most important and complete works of the kind in Australia. It is stated that the total outlay, including land, machinery, &c., will be about £40,000, and it is confidently believed that it will mean a return of prosperity to Deniliquin and the district.

The next sittings of the local land board will be commenced on the 8th October next.

At the annual show of the Australian Sheepbreeders' Association, held in Melbourne last week, a ram from Messrs. M'Laurin Brothers' Morocco station, over two and a half years old, took second prize, this being the same ram that took first and champion prize at the late Deniliquin show.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The total cost of the waterworks is £13,484, and the annual payment by the council is fixed at £487, which will repay the principal and interest in 100 years.

Boring has ceased at Bourbah, near here, the total depth reached being 1700ft. The daily flow of water is estimated at 2,000,000 gallons. The plant is now being removed to Gilgandra, nearer here, at a site chosen near town. Many think that a better site would be nearer the travelling stock route.

GULGONG, Thursday.

The Mayor (Alderman Alfred Blanchard) died this afternoon from inflammation of the lungs, supervening after a severe attack of influenza. His demise is generally regretted. He was always foremost in everything for the benefit of the district and was interested in nearly all public and private associations, being also generous and charitable. The deceased was a widower and leaves no family, but has a brother residing in Sydney.

JUNEE, Thursday.

At the municipal nomination John T. Wood withdrew from the contest for the vacancy caused by Thomas Charles Humphry's resignation, and James E. Hoad was declared elected. John Day, railway superintendent, and John T. Wood were nominated for the vacancy caused by Maurice Howard Davies' disqualification. The polling takes place on the 27th instant.

George Harris, aged 22, a well-known resident, was drowned in attempting to cross Houghlahan's Creek, near Old Junee, yesterday afternoon. The creek rose 10ft. in four hours. The body has not been found.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

Mr. T. W. Taylor, one of the defeated candidates for the Canterbury electorate at the recent election, was entertained last night at a complimentary banquet by a few of his friends and supporters, at Mrs. Marsden's Commercial Hotel. Mr. J. Cole occupied the chair, and Alderman Mullet the vice-chair, and about 40 persons were present. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," paid a high tribute to Mr. Taylor's sterling qualities, and the independent stand he had taken to advance the town and district. Mr. Taylor, in responding, expressed the hope that the time was not far distant when the electors would sink their prejudices, and thus enable him to reciprocate the many kindnesses which had been extended to him by the people of Liverpool during his 12 years residence among them.

Mr. George Johnstone, one of the oldest residents of the town, succumbed to an attack of influenza this morning.

The officer commanding the local corps of the Salvation Army is making arrangements to entertain the children of the poor of the town to a free tea on an early date. The townspeople are co-operating, and the affair promises to be a success.

MILLTHORPE, Thursday.

The wheat and oat crops are looking well and feed is becoming plentiful.

Hares are very numerous in the district at present. At two drives last week upwards of 700 were destroyed.

Mr. Crick, member for the district, has been informed by the Postal Department that the vote for the erection of a country post and telegraph offices is being included in the next estimates. Money will then be available for the erection of a building at Millthorpe.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

The stallion parade and poultry show, to be held under the auspices of the Berrima District Agricultural Society on the 29th instant, promises to be a great success. 308 entries have been received for the poultry section, 33 pigeons, and 73 dogs. This is a large increase on last year.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

A bazaar, organised by ladies, is being held in aid of the local School of Arts. A fair amount has been realised.

STROUD, Thursday.

One hundred and thirty acres were selected at the Crown Lands Office to-day, the land taken up being in the county of Dawes.

PRESENTATION TO MR. D. SCOTT.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

A large meeting took place at the Masonic Hall to-night, to witness the presentation to Mr. D. Scott, ex-M.L.A., of an address and a purse of sovereigns. Mr. A. Asher, the Mayor, presided, and a number of prominent citizens, including Mr. A. Brown, M.L.C., and Mr. A. Edden, M.L.A., occupied seats on the platform. Speeches in praise of Mr. Scott's conduct during his Parliamentary career were delivered by the chairman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Edden, Alderman W. B. Sharp, Mr. T. O'Toole, and others. Mr. Scott replied, and the proceedings concluded with cheers for Mr. Scott. Sir George Dibbs and Mr. W. J. Lyne were to have been present, but sent apologies for their unavoidable absence.

MASONIC CEREMONY.

INSTALLATION OF THE PRO-GRAND MASTER.

Last evening a special communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons was held at the New Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, when Sir Joseph Abbott was installed as Pro-Grand Master. The Most Wor. Grand Master, his Excellency Sir Robert Duff, performed the ceremony of installation, and there was a good attendance of Grand Lodge officers and brethren. Bro. Pennyman (private secretary to the Governor) was in attendance.

The Grand Master and G.L. officers were received with Grand Lodge honours, and the lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Master then announced that he had appointed Wor. Bro. Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott as M.W. Pro-Grand Master. (Applause.)

The Pro-Grand Master elect was then presented by the Right Wor. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. T. E. Spencer, and the Right Wor. Past Deputy Grand Master, Bro. N. Hopson, and took the oaths of office.

Wor. Bro. Sir Joseph Abbott said he had to return his most sincere thanks to the Grand Master for having appointed him to that very honourable position. Before he agreed to accept office he had very grave doubts as to his ability, not from inclination, but want of time to properly discharge the duties associated with the office. It was many years now since he was initiated in the city of Sydney, as far back as 1861, in the lodge at one time presided over by the first Principal of the Sydney University, Dr. Woolley. From that time he had been associated with Freemasonry in the city and country, but on being returned to Parliament, and coming to reside in Sydney, his public duties had prevented him from giving very much attention to his Masonic duties. For that reason he felt that he ought not to take such an important office unless he could discharge the duties attaching thereto. He had never yet occupied an office merely for the sake of occupying it, and in the future he hoped to be able to take his share of the duties and obligations of the great office to which he had been called. If he was not able to do so he hoped the brethren would recognise that his public duties prevented him. Whatever he could do to advance the cause of Masonry—that noble cause—in this land no effort on his part would be wanting. (Applause.)

Right Wor. Bro. J. C. Remington, P.D.G.M., said he had been deputed by the present and past Deputy Grand Masters to offer to the Pro-Grand Master their congratulations on the high position to which he had been called. They were well aware that he would not have accepted the position unless he could discharge the duties devolving upon him, and they desired him to rest assured of their assistance in performing those duties which fell to the lot of the Pro-Grand Master—duties for which his experience in another place would well fit him—in the governance, visiting, and general watchfulness over Masonry. He might also rest assured that he would have the support, not only of the Deputy Grand Masters, past and present, but of every officer of the Grand Lodge and the brethren generally. They were delighted that it should fall to their lot to have such an efficient brother placed over them. He (Bro. Remington) would like to take this the first opportunity of returning thanks to the Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, for their kindness in allowing the ball to be made the annual festival of the Grand Lodge. The permission so given contributed in a great measure to the success of the ball, and he had pleasure in informing the brethren that it had yielded upwards of £250 to the funds of the institution. Thanks were also due to the Grand Master for his patronage, although official duties precluded his attendance. He hoped the precedent now set would be followed in future years. (Applause.)

The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. T. S. Spencer, said, on behalf of the Grand Lodge officers, he took the opportunity of congratulating the Pro-Grand Master in having been appointed to that position, and to assure him of the heartiest loyalty and support of the officers in the continuance of his office, which they hoped would be a long and happy one. They were fully alive to the calls upon his time, and would endeavour at all times to make his duties as light and pleasant as possible. (Applause.)

Many congratulatory telegrams were received from country lodges.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. P. Fitzgerald took part in the ceremony, and Bro. J. P. S. Willson, Grand Director of Music, presided at the organ. Bro. A. J. Burbidge acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. A. H. Bray (Grand Secretary) and Bro. Mark Toomey (Deputy Grand Secretary) had general charge of the arrangements, which were carried out without hitch.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. Tesce, C. A. Ord, E. M'Farlane, and Rev. W. S. Frackelton.

VISIT OF GENERAL FREY.

CONDITION OF THE FRENCH ARMY.

General Frey, now on a visit to Sydney, has the distinction of being the youngest General in the French army, he being only 47 years of age. He was born in Corsica, and received his early training in the School of St. Cyr, passing thence to the French school for staff officers in Paris. The General spent nine years in the Soudan, winning much honour in the campaign, and also was on active service in Tonquin. General Frey is an officer of the Legion of Honour, and received the prize of the French Academy for a work on the war in Tonquin. He is also the author of a book on the Soudan, and another on languages of Eastern countries. The General is now on a tour of inspection, undertaken for the purpose of inspecting the French troops at Réunion, Madagascar, and New Caledonia. At the last-named colony there are stationed one regiment of infantry, one battery of artillery, and a detachment of gendarmes, the combined forces representing a strength of about 1400 men. Whilst in New Caledonia the General carried out two schemes of field operations, designed with the object of testing the efficiency of the troops, with which he says he was quite satisfied. The General will remain in Sydney until Tuesday next. Under ordinary circumstances he would have left by the M.M. steamer Australien for Melbourne on Monday next, but, having accepted an invitation to dine with Major-General Hutton next Monday evening, he will remain for that gathering, proceeding overland to Melbourne by train on Tuesday next. Whilst in Melbourne he will call upon the Governor of Victoria and the Commandant of the Victorian forces. He contemplates making the journey from Melbourne to Adelaide by train with the object of seeing as much of the country as possible. The General arrived in Sydney on Monday last. On Tuesday he called upon the Governor, and also upon Major-General Hutton, of the warmth of whose welcome he speaks in the highest terms of praise, saying that the New South Wales Commandant made him feel that he was simply the guest of, not an officer belonging to another nation, but of a brother in arms. On Wednesday General Frey journeyed to the Blue Mountains, intending to spend a day or two upon them, but as the conditions were not favourable for sight-seeing he did not go beyond Wentworth Falls, whence he returned the same evening. On Saturday the General will dine with M. Biard d'Aunet, Consul-General for France. To a member of the *Herald* staff, who asked the General what he thought of the present condition of the French army, he said that it was indeed a matter for great pride to belong to such an army. He was of that army, and therefore felt some diffidence in passing any judgment upon it, especially in view of the fact that any judgment must necessarily be a highly eulogistic one. He might say, however, that the opinion entertained by those competent to judge in such matters was that the army of France had never been in a better condition—in a condition of greater preparedness—than it was at the present time. It was very complete, was well organised and well equipped, and the men were all well trained. Officers of both English and German forces who had lately visited France had said that they were astonished at finding the French army in the condition in which it was, so perfect were its organisation and equipment. On his return to France the General will resume command of the brigade to which he is attached, and Captain Mordrelle, his A.D.C., will go to the staff school in Paris. The two officers are staying at the Hotel Metropole.

BANQUET TO MR. MILLEN, M.L.A.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

BOURKE, Thursday.

Mr. E. D. Millen, the recently-elected member, was banqueted last night at Fitzgerald's Hotel. Mr. W. K. M'Millan was in the chair. About 60 were present, including a number of those who opposed Mr. Millen's candidature. In replying to the toast of "Our Guest," Mr. Millen expressed the hope that the new Parliament would show a capacity for work or be short-lived. Referring to the efforts being made to throw doubt on the Government's sincerity, he said that the freetraders had only to judge the Government by what the Government did and not by what their opponents said. So long as the Ministry adhered to their pledges the freetraders owed it to the country to loyally support them. They were also under a moral obligation to see that there was no trifling with distinct principles or postponement of the great reform which had formed the basis of the party's appeal at the late election. Although no Act of Parliament could turn the depression into prosperity, Parliament could, by legislation, remove the obstacles to progress, one of the greatest of such obstacles being the present land laws. He thought they might detect a fairer spirit abroad in regard to Crown tenants, and if Parliament would deal justly with them, vanished prosperity would again appear. The proceedings were highly successful throughout.

LECTURES.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST.

On Wednesday evening, in the Leichhardt Town Hall, Pastor Daniells, president of the Seventh Day Adventist Council of Australia, delivered a lecture upon the subject of "Religious Liberty." The chair was occupied by Mr. M'Naughton. The lecturer made special reference to the aims and objects of the Christian Electors' Association and the Evangelical Alliance of New South Wales. He considered the existence of such institutions an infringement upon religious liberty.

OUR CIVIL SERVICE.

THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.

[By Monad.]

III.—THE MINES.

Of all the titles given to the great Ministerial departments, that of the Mines is perhaps the most misleading. At the outset, when the department was first established in 1874, the name probably defined correctly the work which the department had to undertake. It was charged with the management of the mines of the colony, with the issue of miners' rights, and the enforcement of the complicated provisions of the Acts relating to the leasing and working of our mines. This, one would have thought, was work enough for any single department to undertake, considering the enormous development of the mining industry in this colony during the past quarter of a century. Yet, somehow or other, the Mines Department came to be looked upon as the shunting ground for all the odds and ends of departmental work. Any new matter which required attention, and which could not be placed under the charge of any one of the other departments, was at once handed over to the Mines, until to-day we have the most incongruous assortment of branches all placed under the charge of the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, as he is now termed. Mr. Sydney Smith, who for the second time has assumed control of this office, is charged with a perfect miscellany of duties, few of which have any relation to mining, an industry with which he is supposed to be familiar. Mr. Smith has taken office mainly with the view of passing an Amended Mining on Private Property Bill, and he is also determined to introduce the eight-hours clause, which wrecked the last Parkes Government, into the Coal Mines Regulation Bill. He will, however, have but little time to consider these things. His days will be taken up in the consideration of the multifarious details of administration which must arise in a department which deals with almost every class of colonial industry, from agriculture to the destruction of prickly pears, and from forestry to the inspection of stock. Perhaps in order to give a clear idea of the confusion of departments at the Mines, I had better quote the official list of the duties with which the Minister is charged:—"The administration of the Acts for the regulation of mining operations, and all business relating to mining on Crown lands, and to mining generally; geological and mining surveys; the examination of coalfields; the inspection of collieries and mines, the inspection of sheep and cattle with a view to the prevention and eradication of disease; importation of live stock and quarantining; public pounds; works for the storage of water on travelling stock routes in the pastoral districts, the regulation of commons. Public Watering-places Act of 1884, and protection of certain reserves from trespass; the plantation and preservation of forest and timber reserves; Prickly Pear Destruction Act; prospecting vote; Vine Diseases Act, 1893; administration of all matters relating to sericulture; agriculture (including the Agricultural College and farm, and experimental farms and stations) and forestry."

ORIGIN OF THE MINES.

It is obviously impossible, in the space of a brief article, to deal with all these departments in detail. One can only refer generally to the work of the office, which has gone on gradually growing since its creation by Sir Henry Parkes. The department came into existence during the lengthened first administration of this aged statesman, which lasted for nearly three years, from 1872 to 1875. The first Minister appointed was Mr. Robert Palmer Abbott, who held the portfolio for about six months, when, under the Robertson Administration, Mr. John Lucas succeeded him. Nearly 10 years later, under Sir Alexander Stuart, Sir Joseph Abbott, the present Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, took the portfolio; but when, in 1885, Sir George Dibbs formed his short-lived Administration, Sir Joseph exchanged to the Lands, and Mr. Wright became Secretary for Mines. Since then Mr. Vaughan, Dr. Mackellar, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Chanter, and Mr. Slattery have all filled this chair, its present occupant, Mr. Sydney Smith, having had a lengthened previous experience of the office, which he administered for over two years under the last Parkes Government. Starting in 1874 in a humble way the department was content with some small premises in Young-street, where the Electoral Office is now situated; but with the erection of the Garden Palace came the opportunity for providing more spacious, but, unfortunately, more unlucky quarters. For years the officers of the Mines had been forming a valuable collection of mineralogical specimens. Ores of all kinds had been gathered from many mines, and in addition a good deal of money was spent in the purchase of the Rev. William Clarke's collection. But there was a fate about the thing; though a splendid display was made of our colonial minerals, the fire at the Palace speedily fused them into an unrecognisable mass of slag, and the work had to be commenced afresh. Also all the records of the department were destroyed, so that practically from 1882 it had to start its work anew. In that year it removed into its present quarters in Phillip-street, occupying an office which, though originally built for business purposes, is admirably suited for departmental work. The building, roomy as it is, is not large enough for the department, and gradually the offices have been extended to Macquarie-street, so that one can walk through from Phillip-street without once leaving the Mines Office.

OUR MINERAL EXHIBITS.

Until last December the Mineralogical Museum used to form a connecting link between the two buildings, but now it has been removed to the Domain, where the fine display of minerals is set out in the old galvanised iron shed which used once to house the Technological exhibits, now removed to the Technical College at Ultimo. The out-patients' department of the Sydney Hospital occupies the other half of this ricketty structure; but as the work of attending to these sufferers will shortly be carried on in the new hospital, its proper place, the whole of the shed will be at the disposal of the Mines, and there will be abundance of room for the display of the very fine collection of minerals which this colony possesses. Not that the building is in any way suited for the purpose, nothing more dreary could be imagined than this tumble-down half-lighted iron shed, but still it has to serve, and the officers of the museum, having been long cramped up in Phillip-street, are even glad to get so much space placed at their disposal. The assortment of minerals is probably the finest in the southern hemisphere, all the ores of New South Wales are to be found here, and, in addition, samples from every other part of the world. Then there are dressed building stone and polished marble, precious gems, and imitation gold nuggets. I may mention that the real gold nuggets, of which the State possesses over £5000 worth, are not kept in this unprotected shed. They are deposited for safety at the Mint, where thieves cannot break in. These are the same lumps of precious metal which had such a narrow escape at Chicago, where they were seized by the County Sheriff as security for a fanciful claim brought by a circus proprietor against the New South Wales Government. From there they found their way safely back to the colony, and are now ready for display anew, though it is probable the Government will be chary of again exhibiting them, unless they can be guaranteed immunity from seizure.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS.

The Mines Department has numerous other exhibits in its possession. It has valuable and carefully prepared specimens of our colonial timber, beautifully polished, and made up into all sorts of fancy floors. Over at the Forestry Office in Macquarie-street one can see exquisite specimens of parquetry flooring manufactured from our own timbers, and it is a pity that some of our wealthy citizens do not profit by the instruction of the Government, and decorate their homes with this most perfect of all flooring material. The Forest Department and the Agricultural Branch occupy a house of their own in Macquarie-street, the two forming in reality a separate State department, for since 1890 the Secretary for Mines has been also the Secretary for Agriculture. The arrangement is only a temporary one, for, as a matter of course, we shall soon have a separate Minister for Agriculture, and another Ministerial department will be added to the State service. But at present it is considered sufficient to charge the Minister for Mines with this branch, which is fully occupied with the encouragement of our farming industry, as well as with the protection of our State forests. 24,663 miscellaneous pamphlets were issued by the department, containing useful instructions to the farmers and

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fruitgrowers. The Hawkesbury Agricultural College and farm, where some 50 students are at present being trained in all the branches of agricultural work, is also under the charge of this department, and in addition there are experimental farms on the Murrumbidgee and Richmond Rivers. The Forest Department, once a separate office, has now been amalgamated with that of Agriculture, and here work of a practical character is being carried on, since the State forests are really part of the national assets, and could, if fully utilised, be turned into a very important source of revenue. Though the staff working on the forests has, owing to the necessity for retrenchment, been greatly reduced of late, the task of planting and thinning is still being carried on with energy, and samples of our timbers are always being prepared for exhibition, the Imperial Institute, for instance, having been supplied with a number of specimens of our woods, which will be permanently on show there. All this work has borne practical fruit, and the Forest Department finds itself almost in the position of a commercial firm, for recently it has had an order from the Great Eastern Railway of England to supply 1000 ironbark sleepers. These are to be laid down experimentally, and, bearing in mind the superiority of our timber for this purpose, one can hardly doubt the result. However, having paved the way, the department will leave the further development of the industry to private enterprise, since it is obviously inadvisable for the State to enter into business of this kind with outsiders, whatever it may do within the borders of its own colony.

THE OTHER BRANCHES.

There are many other departments in the Mines building which might be visited with interest. Downstairs the inspector of stock is busy dealing with his live charge, which runs from one end of the country to the other, whilst upstairs the draftsmen bend all day over plans of the mining districts, which have to be prepared in countless numbers. Our caves, both at Jenolan and Yarrangobilly, which are now beginning to attract tourists from all parts of the world, are also looked after by this department, and an officer has his time fully employed in visiting and opening the new caverns which are constantly being discovered in our limestone formation. Samples of ore are always coming in for assay, though these are dealt with at the laboratory at the Circular Quay, there being no room at the head office for this rather troublesome work. The department is called upon to make an immense number of assays, during last year 2634 specimens having been examined for gold, to say nothing of those assayed for silver and other minerals. Then the public watering places, the Government tanks put down for the accommodation of stock in the thirsty West, and the artesian bores which have been sunk in many places had to be looked after, and all this work involves of necessity a large staff and much expenditure. Last year we spent £155,259 on the department as a whole, the head office absorbing just half of the amount. The most expensive of the branches was that of Agriculture, which cost £25,564; whilst the Forests came next with £17,520. Altogether, including inspectors of mines and forests, and the other gentlemen who travel about the country looking after things in general, there are some 450 officers employed by this very much assorted though at the same time very useful branch of the public service.

THE MANDATE OF THE COUNTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I differ from Mr. Pile as to the view he takes in your issue of the 21st instant of the mandate of the late general election. I am quite sure that an overwhelming majority—viz., 99 out of every hundred—all, in fact, who will not immediately benefit by the Sangrado heresy that prosperity can possibly result from unnecessary taxation—demanded at the last election retrenchment, and retrenchment alone. The question of protection was mixed up in their imagination with retrenchment because the former does appear to countenance unnecessary and oppressive taxation.

Anything can be proved by a skilful manipulation of figures. It is to be feared that Mr. Pile is prejudiced to the notion that no retrenchment of any kind is desirable; and that it is not our duty to copy, through prudence, that example of public economy to which Victoria has, through necessity, been compelled—there being, moreover, an anticipation of still greater reduction in Victoria, which will bring down their public expenditure in 1894 to two-thirds of what it was in 1890.

Are our surroundings so very different from those of Victoria that an equal expenditure per head in each colony will not suffice? Is even the reduced expenditure in Victoria not at least treble per head that of the most advanced, and therefore most liberal-paying, of other countries in the older world—countries in which living is certainly not at the low colonial rate of 1d per lb. for bread, 1½d per lb. for best meat, 4d per gallon for milk, houses almost forced upon one on mere payment of rates, fuel scarcely requisite, wine 1s per gallon, tobacco 1s per lb., public gardens and recreation grounds maintained at a cost which millionaire dukes could not afford, and similarly public libraries and national galleries and museums open to every city inhabitant, with free schools and technical colleges, and the certainty of fat Government billets in the proportion of one prize for every tenth operative—colonies moreover where gratuitous civic duties are unknown, the so-called volunteers here being paid annually £10 and £20, while a miserable allowance in rich England does not cover her volunteers' outlay; and, lastly, where hundreds of self-made unemployed are, for charity sake, set to construct a canal perfectly useless and as visionary as was the Panama fiasco, at 7s per diem! Mr. Pile writes:—"It is commonly stated that it costs £10,000,000 to govern the people of this colony. This is quite incorrect. The actual cost of Government properly so called is little more than half of that sum, and this includes £1,000,000 sterling expended on public works."

Without accusing Mr. Pile of any wilful misrepresentation as to the above, he still seems to think erroneously of our economy in spending annually £4 per head of what is, even thus, neither more nor less than the most expensive Government (and so without excuse) of the civilised world outside of demoralised Australia. The public expenditure of none of these, after deducting their compulsorily overgrown armies and navies, with interest upon the cost of great former wars (from both of which we are free), but including the expense of local government, amounts to the third proportional part of Mr. Pile's £4 per head. With the deductions mentioned above, it will be found that 33s 8d suffices for the most extravagant nation outside of Australia.

But, as to £5,000,000 being all that the citizens of New South Wales are being called upon to pay for Government—including public works—I will quote from Coghlan of 1893 regarding the recent starvation year of 1892. It matters but little whether the demands upon us during 1892 be approved of, as under this or that form, by Mr. Pile, poor New South Wales—truly poor New South Wales—will have to undertake the crushing burden whose reality is so convinceably provable:—

"Coghlan's Wealth and Progress of New South Wales" of 1893:—

P. 606. Gross expenditure on the revenue proper of 1892	...	£10,798,989 4 3
P. 683. Loan Account of 1892	...	5,059,537 0 0
P. 754. Local government and municipalities	... ...	1,221,733 0 0
		£17,076,259 4 3

There were a short 1,200,000 inhabitants at the end of 1892; our public expenditure was therefore at the annual rate of £14 14s 5d. Under these circumstances, can it be doubted that it is the expected duty of the new Parliament to reject as insulting any proposal of new taxation, and at once to appoint one, or two at most, of the ablest economists outside of Parliamentary influence with the sole object of ascertaining to what extent our profusion should be curtailed, so that similar public work shall be remunerated just so much, and no more, as under liberal private management?

Such deserving officials as might temporarily suffer under a reformed system should be disencumbered from liabilities by a guarantee from Government, and they and their families be jointly endowed with, say, 800 acres on the average, of the unsold area of New South Wales. 800 acres is about the average to which each family now in New South Wales will be entitled should our Parliament (unless determining otherwise, most foolishly) without delay share out amongst ourselves our inheritance. Meanwhile, I would recommend the grant of free leases in perpetuity so long as they or their descendants resided on the leasehold. We should not object, either, to advancing similar assistance (by debenture, I mean) as we are now doing to the families on the settlements at Richmond and Bega, who are so very much less entitled thereto. If the families buckle to their new work as did the old pioneers, we need have no anxiety as to their happiness, and even wealth, in the future. The details could be easily arranged so as not to interfere with the vested interests of existing settlers. I am, &c.,

L. FANE DE SALIS.

THE PLANET MARS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It will be remembered that in May last I called attention to a circular from Professor W. H. Pickering, of United States, asking for special observations of the Y mark on the planet Mars. Although a careful watch was kept on the planet here, I failed to see anything of the marking in question, and, so far as I am aware, no one else in the colony was able to see anything of it.

I have just received a letter from Professor W. H. Pickering, dated 14th July, in which he says: "Your interesting letter of May 17th, with the enclosed drawing of Mars, was duly received. Apparently, the central branch of the Y appeared to you in 1892 very much as it did to us that year. I was much surprised this last June not to find a trace of it visible. Nor could I see it at the next presentation in July. As far as my observations go it seems to have been a phenomenal characteristic of the opposition of 1892." I am, &c., H. C. RUSSELL.

Observatory, August 23.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

THE QUESTION OF ITS EFFICIENCY.

The *Times* publishes the following particulars of the Chinese Navy from a correspondent who writes from Chefoo on the 24th May. The facts given are of interest in connection with the fighting between Japan and China over the Corea incident:—

When Captain Lang, R.N., was permitted to leave their service, four years ago, it was generally considered that the Chinese naval authorities had committed a fatal mistake. The organisation of the nascent fleet had made astonishing progress under that devoted officer, and it was, I believe, his own opinion that another two or three years of unremitting labour would have brought the Chinese navy up to the point of being able to hold its own on the high seas. When, therefore, he was intrigued out of the service by his own subordinates, who proved themselves for that occasion stronger than the strongest Minister of the Empire, it was predicted that the Chinese fleet would soon lose its training and degenerate into a disorderly mass of corruption. While I confess to have shared in these apprehensions, candour compels me now to say that they have not as yet been realised. The Chinese fleet has not only kept the sea, but to outward appearance has made considerable progress since 1890. Without a single European officer, except a German engineer here and a German gunner there, the fleet has made extensive cruises every year, free from accident of any kind. It has just gone through its second triennial inspection by the Viceroy, Li Hung Chang, and another Imperial Commissioner, General Ting, and has knocked about the various ports in the Gulf of Pechili in a way to test at least the efficiency of engines and boilers and the manœuvring skill of the officers. The ships have been moved about in perfect order. Both in target practice under steam and in evolutions in open water they have acquitted themselves as well as possible, and in 10 days' operations not the slightest hitch occurred. As I write the ships are flaunting their many-coloured bunting in the bay in front of me, H.M.S. Centurion and the French flagship Bayard keeping them company in expending much powder in honour of the Queen.

The warships—exclusive of yachts carrying the commissioners and their suites—which took part in the display were 20 in all—the Pei-Yang, or Northern Squadron, 11 ships; the Nan Yang, or Southern (Nankin) Squadron, six ships; and the Canton Squadron, three ships. Of these the only vessels of any importance are those of the Pei-Yang Squadron, and their names, in the order in which they sailed, are as follows:—

Ting Yuen (flag), 6, iron armour-plated barbette, 7335 tons, 6000-horse power, built in Stettin.
Chen Yuen (commodore), sister ship.
King Yuen and Lai Yuen, sister ships, 4, armoured cruisers, 2900 tons, 5700-horse power, built in Stettin.
Chao Yung and Yang Wei, sisters, 6, steel armoured cruisers, 1350 tons, 2400-horse power, built by Armstrong.
Chi Yuen, 3, steel cruiser, 2300 tons, 2800-horse power, built in Stettin.
Chih Yuen and Ching Yuen, sisters, 5, steel cruisers, 2300 tons, 7600-horse power, built by Armstrong.

There are other effective vessels belonging to the Northern Squadron which took no part in the manœuvres—notably, six Armstrong gunboats, "alphabetical," each carrying one 35-ton gun. Half of these are kept in dock, but they are perfectly efficient. I made a short trip in one steaming easily nine knots, and with everything in good order.

Though as ships the Southern Squadrons are more or less abortions, they are well armed; indeed, the best firing was done by one of the Canton vessels—from French guns, I believe.

The concentration of the naval strength of China in the north is due to two things—that the Gulf of Pechili is the invaders' road to the capital, and that it is the Viceroy of the Northern Province who is the actual leader is organising the national defence. The impulse which has brought the navy and coast defences up to their present state of efficiency has not been expended. On the contrary, the energy which has been thrown into the inspection just concluded proves that the question of national defences is pressing seriously on the Government. For 11 days two high officials over 70 years of age have been labouring incessantly from morning to night, climbing up and down ladders of ships, scrambling over forts, watching drills, examining schools, giving audience to innumerable commanders, and directing the new works to be undertaken. The Tartar General, who had never before seen the sea, and who is, moreover, really infirm, is only, of course, a nominal coadjutor to Li Hung Chang, on whom rests the sole responsibility. Well aware that the mere possession of costly ships and modern guns goes only a little way towards affording national security, the Viceroy Li seems resolved to have the crews as well trained as is possible. The schools of instruction are vigorously supported, competent European officers are at their head, and the results are surprisingly good. The Chinese are a most teachable people, and there is no kind of exercise at which they do not quickly become expert. The battalion drill of the bluejackets at Wei-haiwei, who have been trained by Lieutenant Bourchier, R.N., excited universal admiration. The exercises could not have been better done; the men were smart and evidently in the best spirits. They do semaphoring work exceeding well, and in fact everything which can be taught by men to men the Chinese learn and practise well.

The scientific branches are also thoroughly looked after. They have German torpedo instructors, English and German gunnery instructors, and professors of astronomy, chemistry, mathematics, &c. The Chinese officers are consequently perfectly trained in everything that pertains to the naval profession, and they are apt pupils, as every tutor who has had to do with the education of Chinse youths will testify.

They are handicapped by having not only to learn but practically to carry on their work in a foreign language. This, in the navy, is English. The signal book, compiled by Captain Lang, is in English, and the drill books, in which the proper drill for every gun in the service has been elaborated by Lieutenant Bourchier, are also in English. The peculiar structure of Chinese necessitates the use of some alphabetic language, for Chinese ideographs cannot be telegraphed. Hence the men have to learn at least as much English as enables them to spell out words in semaphoring, and the officers are obliged thus to communicate in English.

There is still a great hankering after some foreigner competent to take the place of Captain Lang; but no Western Power could lend an officer, nor could any officer accept the service except on conditions which the Chinese can never grant. In the schools a man of character and tact may maintain his position without sacrificing his dignity or his usefulness. But it is not easy. In the executive service it is impossible for any foreign officer to gain such authority as would alone enable him to do himself justice. Whatever language may be used in speeches, letters, or even agreements, the Chinese will never give any foreigner authority in their militant services. And if any one were to imagine that he had it, the fate of the Lay-Osborne flotilla and of Captain Lang would be repeated.

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Probably the safest ground of confidence in the future and ultimate fighting value of the Chinese navy is the evident determination of the Imperial Government to make it efficient. They will make many mistakes, they will waste enormous sums, they will be nearly strangled by time-honoured abuses; but they are a dogged people, with large resources, and, as a nation, massive.

A new terror has been added to railway travelling by the researches of Drs. Petrie, Kolb, and Friedrich, noticed in the *Lancet*. These gentlemen have been collecting dust in German railway carriages with this result:—"For each sample they swept up the dust from one square metre of surface, and with the proceeds inoculated the peritoneum of 117 guinea-pigs. Three died from tuberculosis. They had been inoculated with dust taken from two sleeping-cars. The other guinea-pigs were inoculated with the dust taken from all sorts of railway carriages. In nearly half the cases there was obvious evidence that the passengers had expectorated on the floors of the carriages, and the presence of the Koch bacillus was, as stated, proved in three cases." But this is not all. In addition to the bacteria, "numerous other pathogenic microbes" were found in the dust—all doubtless equally dangerous. As regards the class favoured by the bacteria the following facts are interesting:—"In the fourth-class carriages the number of bacteria in the dust swept up from one square metre of surface was estimated at 12,624; in the third-class, 5481; the second-class, 4247; and the first-class, 2583. On the seats and partitions there were fewer bacteria—from 2646 to 29—and the roof was almost free." What is the fear of a railway accident compared with the terror which a long journey in close company with thousands of bacteria must inspire?—*Westminster Gazette.*

THE THEATRE LIBRE.

The rumour circulated in Paris that the Théâtre Libre has ceased to exist is happily untrue (writes the *National Observer*). André Antoine—the Théâtre Libre is the work of one man, and that man is Antoine—is about to start on a lengthened tour through Europe and America, but his enterprise will only be discontinued for a season. The report has attracted the attention that might have been expected, for though it is possible to disapprove of the cause for which Antoine has fought and, in a measure, conquered, his most implacable opponent, and he has had many such, will not deny that, for better or for worse, he has been a power of no mean magnitude in the dramatic world.

Montmartre, the chartered cradle of heterodox creeds, saw the birth of the movement, which contrary to all expectations has had such a brilliant destiny. In the winter of 1887, a handful of journalists made their way to a minuscule hall in the passage de l' Elysée-des-Beaux-Arts, to witness the first performance of "Jacques Damour," by Léon Hennique. The audience had come to scoff, and its humour was almost justifiable. Antoine's claim to foist an enterprise that seemed preposterous upon a sceptical public invited ridicule. Twenty-seven years old, a clerk in the Paris Gas Company, this presumptuous youngster who proposed to regenerate the drama, could only reply, if questioned as to his qualifications, that he had been refused admittance to the Conservatoire, and had played in amateur theatricals. Financially, his sole assets were a capacity for getting into debt. There is little wonder, under the circumstances, that the first night of "Jacques Damour" was regarded as an extravagant jest. The performance over, the supposed mountebank stood revealed a capable actor, and a born stage manager. *Il a tout de même quelque chose dans le ventre* declared that excellent journalist and sound judge, Gustave Geffroy, and the verdict, which has not been falsified, gave expression to the general opinion. The following year saw Antoine at the Théâtre Montparnasse, whence he migrated in the full flood of success to the Menus-Plaisirs.

Antoine has prospered in the face of opposition, whose fierceness only those can appreciate who have been present at certain of his earlier and stormiest representations. An iconoclast from the necessities of his position rather than of set purpose, his innovations savoured of sacrilege. When it was found impossible to silence him by argument, a deliberate attempt was made to howl him down. His theatre has often witnessed scenes as tumultuous as any enacted at a turbulent political meeting. His boundless audacity exasperated to fever pitch the aversion commonly felt for whoever measures himself against the existing order of things. Yet, in fact, he was only carrying out a reform that a hundred critics had advocated. The idea that lay at the root of Antoine's undertaking was the breaking up of a monopoly that had been denounced again and again as injurious to the best interests of the stage. He went into battle with the unexceptionable war cry, *place aux jeunes!* Dramatic authorship, when he threw down his gauntlet, was the privilege of a favoured few, of a closed corporation of accredited Thespian priests. Outside this sacred guild, genius or mediocrity were equally condemned without a hearing. Unknown men and uncertificated talent were taboo among theatrical managers. Antoine, declining to believe that ability may only exist where officially recognised, proceeded to put upon the stage the works of the despised unacted. He did so to the confusion and consequently to the distaste of the pontiffs who held in their safe-keeping the reputations of yesterday; well-earned reputations many of them, but with no right to exist to the detriment of those of to-morrow. The best justification of his endeavour is to be sought in the success with which it has been crowned. Antoine may have failed to bring to light a Dumas fils or a Henri Becque, but this is not to be accounted him for a crime; it is sufficient that among the 80 and more authors whom he has introduced to the public there should have been a Georges Ancey, a Georges de Porto-Riche, a François de Curel, a Rosney, a Henry Céard, a Henri Lavedan, and a Louis Marsolleau, all of whom have been found worthy of the boards of the Comédie Française, the Odéon, or the Vaudeville.

Antoine's relations with the Realists is the capital charge that has been brought against him. He has been styled a purveyor of impropriety. In reality his devotion to the school has been at once inevitable and qualified. His "young men" wrote realistic pieces because the hour had struck for the stage play to develop on the lines that had long been followed by the novel. "Les Chapons" was the necessary pendant of "Pot-Bouille." But Antoine has always been less wedded to the Realists than they to him. He has mounted plays of the purest Parnassian workmanship — Banville's "Le Baiser," Bergerat's "La Nuit Bergamesque," or Catulle Mendès's "La Reine Fiammette," for instance. More recently still, he gave Hauptmann's "Assomption d'Hannele Mattern." As all who know him are aware, he has not been backward in admitting and regretting certain excesses. He has been of opinion for some time that realism on the stage has borne whatever fruit it was destined to produce. It is certain that the results obtained in this direction have scarcely come up to his expectations. Other limitations have attended his success, and had a share in deciding his conduct. The pecuniary reward derived from the Théâtre Libre by its creator has been a burden of debt. Art, for art's sake, is a cant and too often delusive phrase, but beyond the shadow of a doubt Antoine has deserved well of those for whom the drama is something more than a glorified peepshow or a lucrative speculation.

LAND TAXATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—"Freetrader" in his excellent letter appearing in your columns has clearly exposed the fallacy of Mr. Wise's proposition that "the upset value of Crown land" should be exempted. It would indeed be manifestly unfair to partially exempt purchasers of Crown lands when the purchaser of privately-owned land would have to pay a tax on the full unimproved value even though he may still owe say 50 or 75 per cent. of the purchase money. If there is to be a land tax I devoutly hope it will be embodied in the form of local government; but be it in whatever form there should be no exemption, for it is this non-exemption that is the true safeguard against excessive land taxation. Legislation that affects the great mass of electors is more likely to be equitably meted out than if it concerned only a limited class of the community. Mr. Wise would settle the people on the land by pulling down land values and then taxing the people when they get on the land. He forgets that the present depression is to a great extent the result of over-production. Our markets for meat, cereals, fruit, &c., are all over-supplied, and as a natural consequence ruinous prices prevail. What we want is immigration, and that of the proper sort, not merely tillers of the soil or skilled artisans with nothing in their pockets, they are but little better than the pauper element. What we do want is that class with some capital at their backs—the sort, indeed, that made America what it is, and that opened up our own back blocks in the early days—men with money as well as enterprise. This is the sort we want, and how to attract them to our shores is in my mind one of the greatest problems for our statesmen to work out. I am, &c.,

Aug. 23. CHAS. CHURCHILL TUCKER.

The Ethnological Museum at Berlin has just published the second part of Mr. Hrolf Vaughan Stevens's great study of the people of the Malay Peninsula, under the title of "Materialen zur Kenntniss der wilden Stämme auf der Halbinsel Malaka," edited by Albert Grünwedel. This part (says *Nature*) contains a short account of the Negritoes of the Malay Peninsula, and a full discussion of the mythology and religion of the Orang Panggang, illustrated by numerous drawings of ceremonial accessories, particularly the curiously inscribed bamboo-rods called penitah, which are buried with the dead to serve as passports in the other world. A long glossary of the Oranghutan dialects is given in conclusion, being compiled from the records of all travellers who have studied the Malay languages. The value of this glossary is enhanced by the actual renderings of the various authorities being preserved in the different European languages in which they wrote.

In a lengthy communication to the *Academy*, of the 16th June, Mr. F. Kielhorn tells us he has received from Dr. Franke photographs and tracings of a few leaves of two or three Sanskrit MSS., or portions of MSS., which are preserved in a small, dilapidated Buddhist monastery in the mountainous wilds of the T'ien t'ai shan in the province of Chekiang, about 125 English miles S.W. of the port of Ningpo. This old MS., it seems, was seen about 30 years ago by Dr. Edkins. According to Dr. Franke, the people on the spot believe the MSS. to be 1300 or 1400 years old, but Mr. Kielhorn gives his reasons for the belief that the fragments were brought to China from Northern India or Nepal not earlier than 1200 A.D., and possibly in the thirteenth or fourteenth centuries. A transcript of the text is given in the *Academy*. "In themselves," says Mr. Kielhorn, "these fragments may be considered to be of slight value, but they prove that Indian MSS. do exist in China, and encourage us to hope that more may in time be forthcoming."

THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N.S.W. BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the New South Wales Branch of the English Church Union was held at Christ Church Schoolroom last evening. The president (Mr. George H. Stayton, M. Inst., C.E.) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members and associates, including the Revs. Canon Kemmis, C. F. Garnsey, C. S. Smith, D. Evan Jones, George Styles, A. R. Bartlett, and F. B. Pritt (Rockhampton), Dr. Pocock, and Captain Watson.

The PRESIDENT, in his annual address, prefaced his remarks by a reference to the growing power and strength of the E.C.U., which now comprised over 35,000 members and associates, of whom 27 were bishops and 4266 were clergymen, the remainder being lay communicants. The E.C.U., he said, had branches in all parts of the world, and during the past year no less than 2710 persons had joined its ranks. The union had an annual income of about £8000, the greater part of which was expended in the dissemination of sound church teaching and in spreading information by means of meetings, lectures, publications, and special grants in furtherance of the Catholic faith. As an instance of the far-reaching influence of the E.C.U., he added that upon the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary, which was held in London last June, there were early celebrations of the Holy Communion in connection with the union in no less than 1186 churches in London and the provinces. The E.C.U. was a purely defensive society, formed "to defend and maintain unimpaired the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England;" and in that capacity it had thoroughly succeeded in upholding much that earnest and loyal churchmen held most sacred. He next spoke of the increasing power of the Church at home, and the greater hold it was gradually gaining upon the working classes. He also reminded his hearers of the crowded congregations of devout worshippers to be seen in the great cathedrals and churches in England, and mentioned that on Easter Day last no less than 20,000 persons attended St. Paul's Cathedral. As showing the growth of the Catholic movement in the Church, he stated that out of 5957 churches over 5000 now adopted the eastward position, and 2707 used altar lights at the Holy Eucharist. He instanced the greater toleration that now exists, and stated that the Church Association in England, wellknown as the engine of attack upon church principles, had evidently been in a decline since the failure of the prosecution of the Bishop of Lincoln. He next referred to the unification of the Church in Canada, and to the marvellous activity of the Church in the United States, where the Catholic movement was gaining complete command, and the Church was rapidly outstripping all the various denominations, and quoted statistics in proof of his statement. He congratulated his hearers upon the recent episcopal appointments in Australia and the result of the church congress in Hobart. Reference was next made to the deadness of the Church of England in the diocese of Sydney, and to the lamentable condition of affairs at St. Andrew's Cathedral. He attributed both to the action of the extreme Low Church party, and said that the "down grade" at the cathedral had been going on ever since the mutilation of the reredos, by the rejection of that beautiful representation of the crucifixion which it originally contained. He asked what had the present Primate done to raise the tone of church life since his appointment? Notwithstanding Episcopal cold water upon anything outside Protestantism, there was much to be thankful for in some parishes. He then urged the need of greater reverence in public worship, constant watchfulness, bright and hearty services, the adoption of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," which he said were now used in over 10,300 churches out of 13,600 in the province of Canterbury alone.

On the motion of Rev. D. Evan Jones, the thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. Stayton for his address.

The hon. secretary read the annual report, which touched upon various matters under consideration and upon the work done during the past year. Incidentally it was stated that 16 members had joined the New South Wales branch of the E.C.U. during the year, making 78 in all. The accounts were presented, and showed a credit balance of £7 19s 8d.

On the motion of Rev. C. F. Garnsey, Mr. G. H. Stayton was elected president for the ensuing year.

The following were elected:—Vice-presidents, Right Hon. Viscount Halifax, Rev. Canon Kemmis, Rev. R. P. Spry Bailey, Rev. C. F. Garnsey, and Dr. Pocock; members of the council, Rev. D. Evan Jones, Rev. A. R. Bartlett, Mr. F. B. Wilkinson, and Mr. T. H. Jackson; delegate to the E.C.U. in England, the Rev. T. A. Lacey; hon. secretary, Mr. F. T. Fitzmaurice; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Buckridge; assistant hon. secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, B.A.

Rev. C. F. Garnsey moved, and Rev. Canon Kemmis seconded,—"That the English Church Union—uniting as it does clergymen and lay communicants in defence of the doctrine and discipline of the Church and the rights and liberties of her members—has a strong claim upon the support of churchmen and churchwomen by reason of its services during the past 35 years, the work which it is doing at the present time, and the evident need which there is for its continued existence."

The motion was carried.

TRADES MOVEMENTS.

THE LABOUR FEDERATION AND THE LABOUR LEAGUES.

CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES.

It will be remembered that when a few months ago the Trades and Labour Council ceased to exist reference was made to the fact that the trades unions thereby lost direct representation on the central executive committee of the Labour Electoral Leagues, to which it gave the president, vice-president, and four delegates. Perceiving the anomaly of not having the unions represented on the body which seeks to control labour in politics, the central executive committee of the leagues wrote to the Sydney district council under the Federation of Labour, which superseded the Trades and Labour Council, suggesting that a conference of the two organisations should be held to consider the present aspect of labour politics—in other words, virtually to endeavour to have both the council and the central committee work in unison. About the same time the Riverina district council wrote to the Sydney district council forwarding seven resolutions which it had passed dealing with the control of the labour movement. The most important of these resolutions was the fourth, in which the Riverina council stated that, recognising the breadth and general importance of the political labour movement, it was of opinion that the Labour Federation should not seek to obtain exclusive control of such movement, and that in order to unite all sections of reformers, the provincial council of the colony should on its formation call a meeting of delegates to formulate general rules and a united platform, as well as to devise means for the more complete and permanent organisation of the party.

Last night there was held the conference of delegates of the Sydney district council and of the central executive of the L.E.L. Mr. P. J. Brennan, president of the Sydney District Council, was voted to the chair, and there were also present on behalf of that body Messrs. J. Blackmore, J. Spence, J. Phelan, J. Cochran, and for the central executive Messrs. T. A. Tytherleigh, J. Justelius, T. V. O'Rourke, J. A. Hendry, and J. Hepher. Certain propositions were submitted by the delegates of the central executive, and after informal discussion it was decided that, as the representatives of the council could not give a definite reply to them, they should be referred to a conference of the delegates of the district councils of the country which will meet at an early date. At this conference, which has been summoned on the proposal of the Riverina district, there will be present representatives from the Bourke, Coonamble, Goulburn, Riverina, Scone, Sydney, and Young councils.

SALARIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is a pity that such writers as your correspondent "Working Man," in your yesterday's issue, should not first acquaint themselves with the facts of their subject before venturing an attempt at moulding public opinion.

Let me tell the writer that his statements are altogether erroneous. With very few exceptions, indeed, the men in the service of the Lands Department which he singles out for special attention earn every sixpence they get, and a great many of them more than they get. Instead of it being a fact that a man "is certain with ordinary attention to duty" of getting "three or four hundred a year, and possibly more, while yet comparatively a young man," there are dozens who have grown grey in the general service who rarely or never get a rise at all, and who, after from perhaps 5 to 25 years of good work (otherwise they would not be kept), are now but getting the remuneration of "Working Man's" typical mechanic in decent times. As to the duties in the Lands Department being merely of a routine character and requiring no special knowledge, as asserted by your correspondent, anyone must be simple indeed who can suppose such a manifest absurdity. Our notoriously involved and needlessly intricate land legislation, seeking to serve all kinds of diverse interests, but, like the fabled "Man and his Ass," satisfying none, quite precludes the idea of simplicity of administration. One must serve an apprenticeship to this business as to any other, and must of necessity be of some capacity and education. Perhaps the best proof that there are few if any of those in the service referred to by your correspondent as "doing work of only a routine character and receiving double the pay of the average mechanic," it may be remarked that only a few years back a board of inquiry into the working of the Lands Department was appointed by Mr. Copeland, which, after causing the dismissal of about one third of the whole staff, permanent and temporary, fixed the salaries of those of the two classes remaining, being found to be good and reliable officers, at figures thought to be commensurate with the value of the duties performed and no more; and though the work of the department naturally increases with the lapse of time and the growth of population, there are now actually fewer officers for the increased work than when the board went through the department.

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COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MR. W. H. BUTLER.

MR. J. SEE ON AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

A complimentary dinner to Mr. W. H. Butler, of the American Tobacco Company of New York, was given last night at the Hotel Australia by Mr. Hugh Dixson. Among those present were:—Messrs. A. Nathan, A. Hoffnung, D. S. Bartlett, J. F. Eggers, M. Gotthelf, W. Von der Heyde, G. Todman, W. B. Aston, E. Love, J. T. Tillock, R. E. Gourlay, R. Mitchell, R. Wilson, W. E. Shaw, C. Stanton, R. Dixon, E. P. Simpson, W. G. H. Williams, W. Curnow, Colonel Bell, R. G. Vallack, H. Dixson, jun., John See, Major Rennie, General Howell, G. R. Butler, H. Lubar, C. Markell, A. Markell, and Moss Levy. A short toast list was gone through.

Mr. SEE proposed "The President of the United States of America." He said that this was a toast which was very seldom proposed in this colony, but it was none the less acceptable. He was pleased to be present to do honour to their guest, and to the large number of other American gentlemen who sat round the table. He had long been an admirer of American institutions. He remembered visiting America when they were celebrating the centenary of George Washington. He noticed the marvellous development of that country, whose interests and sympathies were the same as our own. He looked forward to the time when the whole of the English-speaking race would be united throughout the world. The Americans claimed the English as their ancestors, and the same thing might be said of the Australians. He alluded to the unfortunate illness which had overtaken the President of the United States, and said that he was sure he echoed the sentiments of all when he stated that he hoped he would soon be restored to health. He could only add that, if ever the day did come when we should change our system of government, he hoped that we should adopt the system which was in vogue, and had been so beneficial to the United States of America.

The toast of the evening, "Our Guest," was given by the chairman. He spoke of Mr. Butler as being a visitor from America, who was here partly on business and partly on pleasure. He alluded in complimentary terms to Mr. Butler's business capacity. He had been backwards and forwards from one colony to another and purposed paying a visit to India. It was as a guest passing through our colony that he gave Mr. Butler welcome. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. BUTLER, in a short speech, gracefully acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him by Mr. Dixson. He had, he said, visited some of the other colonies, was pleased with Australia, and intended to return to Sydney in about a year and a-half.

Major Rennie proposed "The Press," and Mr. W. Curnow responded. Mr. G. R. Butler gave the toast of "Australian Hospitality," to which Colonel Bell (U. S. Consul) replied, and the proceedings concluded by Mr. E. P. Simpson's submitting the health of the host, which was duly acknowledged by Mr. Dixson.

AMUSEMENTS.

PRESBYTERIAN CHORAL UNION.

The Presbyterian Choral Union gave their third concert last night at the Centenary Hall, when Lady Duff and suite were present. The audience was not, however, of that overflowing character which it must be if the union is to flourish strongly. A gathering of this kind serves a useful purpose in raising the general standard of church music, and the movement is one which the Presbyterian body would do well to support heartily. Mr. J. M. Callaghan, who works with enthusiasm in the good cause, conducted a strong chorus in anthems and sacred part songs. The programme opened with Gounod's "Unfold," in regard to which it may be remarked that great composers can write dull music, and that "Unfold" furnishes a case in point. The choral harmonies were boldly effective, but the whole was not sufficiently impressive in relation to its difficulty, and the tessitura of the soprano part was well calculated to exhaust the voices of any ordinary chorus. Mr. Callaghan's choir threw themselves upon this solid composition with the best intentions in the world, but its weight was such that they could not lift it. "The Radiant Morn," in which the pianissimo was neatly rendered, showed the union to more advantage, though the music was not of absorbing interest. The soprano voices rang out freshly here; and "The Glory of the Lord" ("Messiah"), "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," and "Praise Ye the Father" (Gounod) were all rendered with spirit, and won hearty acceptance with the audience. Miss Dean was the organist throughout, and, in addition, contributed with skill Spinney's "Daybreak."

Miss Colbourne Baber sang Mascheroni's "Ave Maria," with a fine violin obbligato by Mr. E. Stevenson, and Miss Dean and Mr. Harrison White at piano and organ respectively. The "Ave Maria" is a thoroughly good piece of music in the Italian Church style, and Miss Baber, who was in full voice, after singing with well-judged restraint, made a fine outburst upon the "Sancta Maria," in which the devotional spirit of the composition was fervently outpoured. As encore the soprano repeated a portion of the number. Later Miss Baber sang with tender care "The Angel Came" (Cowen), with "The Banks of Allan Water" as a well-merited encore. Mr. Frank Adams contributed "The Holy City" with refined taste and pure enunciation, so that he was encored with enthusiasm. The English tenor then added "Culloden Muir," a fine traditional Scotch melody arranged by Malcolm Lawson. Mr. Adams also gave a good interpretation of "Mary of Argyle." Mr. E. Stevenson contributed "Walther's Preistlied" from the "Meistersinger." The young player, who sometimes achieves roughness in his quest for tone-power, played with unusual care and evenness of production, and as he showed sympathy with the eloquent song, the recall was well merited. There were also various amateur contributions. Miss Oona Callaghan did not wholly cope with the difficulties of Liszt's "Polonaise No. 2," but the applause was none the less cordial. The pianiste thus had an opportunity of adding Kowalski's beautiful nocturne "Solitude," in which she showed many qualities which go to form a capable player. Mr. G. W. Donald's faulty production so varied the tone of his fine bass voice that it militated against his success in "Nazareth." The indulgent audience was, however, highly pleased with the young singer's "Consider the Lilies," to which he added as encore "The Friar of Orders Grey;" and, doubtless, with judicious study, the basso will prove a valuable recruit to the ranks of local amateurs. Mr. Harrison White proved an efficient hon. accompanist.

MR. JOHN C. LEETE'S BENEFIT.

Mr. John C. Leete, favourably known during many years past as manager for Mr. Harry Rickards, will take his benefit at the Tivoli Theatre to-night. In the special programme organised for the occasion one of the chief items will be the performance of Buckstone's farce "A Dead Shot," by Miss Edith Blande, Miss Ruth Wilmott, Messrs. Arthur Garner, C. B. Westmacott, Glynn, R. Watson, and A. B. Maning. Messrs. Baxter and Williams will appear in a burlesque upon "The Corsican Brothers;" Mrs. Hayman and Mr. Harry Plimmer will play "A Pair of Lunatics;" and Miss Wangenheim, Messrs. Bruno, Nathan, Leary, Benjamin, and the American Banjo Club will strengthen the Tivoli Company on the occasion. The programme is one which can scarcely fail to draw a crowded house.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SCHOOL OF ARTS.

By the good offices of Messrs. H. Barrington and W. Delander, a complimentary benefit was given at the School of Arts last evening to the widow and child of the late W. Edwards, who died in St. Vincent's Hospital on the 9th instant from injuries suffered earlier in the day at the Kensington pony and galloway meeting. Every seat in the hall was occupied, and numerous extra chairs and benches had to be introduced to accommodate the people. Mr. Delander had exerted himself to his utmost to ensure a bumper house, and his efforts in this direction proved thoroughly successful. An acknowledgment of the valuable aid he had rendered was made from the stage during the evening. In the course of a lengthy and interesting programme, Charles Faning, by permission of Mr. Harry Rickards, made his appearance and introduced some amusing business, during which he gave a grotesque rendering of "Sing, Sweet Bird." He earned very hearty applause from the audience. Great interest was evinced in General Mite, who sang "On the Nod" to the delight of those present. Being vociferously encored, he gave "If I were only long enough." Mr. Horace Bent's pleasantries were much appreciated, and the other members of the company also acquitted themselves in a satisfactory manner.

CHURCH CONCERT AT TEMPE.

A concert to augment the trust funds of the Tempe Park Wesleyan Church was held in the church on Wednesday evening. An excellent programme consisting of vocal and instrumental items and part songs and choruses by the Sunday-school pupils, was given. The attendance was large, and the proceeds of the entertainment totalled about £15.

ENTERTAINMENT AT PETERSHAM.

An entertainment in aid of All Saints' Mission Church School was given in the Petersham Town Hall last night, and was very well attended. The programme, which was a lengthy one, consisted principally of tableaux and social items. The general arrangements were supervised by Mr. E. Lewis Scott, who also gave short speeches explanatory of the various tableaux.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT TO MR. ARTHUR MASSEY.

There was a large attendance at the Parramatta Town Hall on Wednesday evening, when a complimentary concert was tendered to Mr. Arthur Massey by St. John's choir and the Parramatta Orpheus Glee Club. An excellent programme was arranged, the following rendering items:—St John's choir, the Parramatta Orpheus Glee Club, Mrs. R. W. Harvey, Miss Wilson, Messrs. Frank Adams, L. Proudlock, A. Noble, G. O'Shea, A. Steber, S. Dobbie, and A. Massey.

BALMAIN CENTRAL MISSION CONCERT.

In the Balmain Central Hall, Darling-street, on Wednesday evening, a successful concert was given for the purpose of assisting the mission funds. The Rev. William Stewart presided. During the evening the chairman exhibited a number of interesting limelight views, which were highly appreciated. The musical and miscellaneous items, which were well received, were contributed to by Mrs. Lane, Miss Settree, and Messrs. E. Lane, Bennett, Metcalf, and J. Watson. Mrs. Calian efficiently supplied the accompaniments, and Messrs. W. Druce and C. Still were the joint hon. secretaries.

MEETINGS.

LEICHHARDT CATHOLIC LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday evening a meeting was held in the Roman Catholic school-hall, Leichhardt, to take into consideration the formation of a literary association. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Father Kenny, and there was a good attendance. Mr. J. Sheerin, jun., moved,—"That it is desirable to establish a literary and debating society in this parish, to be called the Leichhardt Literary Association." The motion was agreed to, and the following were elected office-bearers:—President, the Rev. Father Flavan; vice-president, the Rev. Father Kenny; secretary, Mr. Downie; treasurer, Mr. J. Sheerin, jun. A committee was appointed to draft a code of rules and bylaws, to be submitted to a future meeting. Mr. Downie then read a paper on debating institutes.

REDFERN LABOUR LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Redfern L.E.L. was held in their rooms, Redfern-street, on Monday night. The president (Mr. J. Hepher) was in the chair. After the ordinary business was gone through Mr. M'Gowen addressed the meeting and stated the reasons why the labour party opposed Mr. Cook. The following motion was moved by Mr. P. Brassil, seconded by Mr. Maston:—"That Mr. M'Gowen's explanation anent the labour party's opposition to Mr. Cook is satisfactory." The motion was carried, only five members voting against it.

LANDS DEPARTMENT DRAFTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the literary and debating section of the Lands Department Draftsmen's Association took place in the room of the Surveyors' Institute on Wednesday night last, Mr. A. L. Lloyd in the chair. There was a fair attendance of members. The subject for debate was "Should the Railways of the Colony be Free?" The question was negatived.

ST. GEORGE COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the executive of the St. George Cottage Hospital, Kogarah, was held at the office of the president, Hon. J. H. Carruthers, who occupied the chair, on Wednesday. The architect reported that the contractor had finished the building and that his final certificate had been paid, and the keys of the building handed over to the hon. secretary. It was also decided to advertise for applications for the position of matron. A contract for laying-out the grounds and forming surface drains and roadways had been accepted.

MILITARY-ROAD ELECTRIC TRAM.

The sub-committee recently appointed to draw up a report in regard to certain representations to be made to the Railway Commissioners in regard to this tram met on Wednesday evening at M'Intyre and Horning's rooms, Walker-street, North Sydney, when there were present Messrs. J. F. Cullen and Dugald Thomson, Ms.L.A., Alderman G. J. Barry (Mayor of North Sydney), and Messrs. J. Hagan and P. M'Pherson (hon. secretary). It was resolved that the report drawn up by Mr. Dugald Thomson should be forwarded to each member of the committee, and that the Mayor of North Sydney should interview Mr. Roberts, Superintendent of Tramways, prior to the matter being submitted to the Commissioners.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

COONAMBLE, THURSDAY.

Stock movements:—1016 fat ewes and wethers, from Merri Merri to Flemington, J. B. Peacock owner, A. Byrne in charge; 2046 fat sheep, from Polly Brewan to Flemington, Barton and Taylor owners, Gordon in charge; 2496 fat ewes and wethers, from Mogulla to Flemington, W. R. Moore owner, W. Moore in charge; 2240 wethers, from Warrana to Flemington, via Dubbo, executors D. P. Keogh owners, T. Gibbs in charge; 800 fat ewes and wethers, from Euobla to Nevertire, R. H. Firth owner; 150 fat mixed cattle, from Bangate to Flemington, via Dubbo, F. Macrae owner, J. Dodd in charge; 53 fat mixed cattle, from Bangate to Flemington, via Dubbo, J. Tyson owner, J. Dodd in charge; 5000 wethers, from Goonery to Aberdeen, Aberdeen Freezing Company owners, J. Peacock in charge, 5000 more, same owner, same place.

FEDERATION AND BARTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—For the first time in the modern history of Australian Federation a definition of the term has been essayed, and if a choice of persons had been made by plebiscite to secure the essential enlightenment with regard to the most important subject that could engage the minds of the ablest and the best there would probably be found among them the distinguished gentleman who so truly grasped the situation democratically and dared to inquire as to federation, What is its essence? and who, although not perhaps so truly, preferred to adopt the axiom of Professor Dicey as an answer to the crucial query, that answer being, viz.:—"The political contrivance intended to reconcile national unity and power with the maintenance of (provincial) State rights."

The conjunction of two such names as Dicey and Barton for the construing of the meaning of the most serious word in the Australian political vocabulary will be doubtless received with sincere respect, and will very probably be numerously accepted.

It may be, however, premised that the lecturer did at the Glebe speak as a "scribe," and not as one having "authority;" that is, he spoke academically and not politically; that he spoke from the cave of philosophy, and not from the pinnacle of power." This being so, the definition of federation portrayed by Mr. Barton should evidently be considered, accepted, or refused as primarily a metaphysical meaning, and only secondarily as a political meaning.

It is perhaps somewhat unfortunate that many beautiful metaphysical theories become wildly utopian when introduced into the political world; and it must be regretfully suspected that the Dicey-*cum*-Barton definition of federation appears as an apparition grateful to the imagination indeed, but which cannot be measured in the political world as long, or broad, or thick; and it is also possibly to be regretted that the lecturer did not particularly explain to which class of thought he attached the meaning of the term federation, whether to the metaphysical class or to the political class, such classification being in the matter in hand of the utmost importance.

The world might federate with advantage under the scholastic intended definition of Mr. Barton; indeed the world is already federated under such definition, if the second part of the meaning is as important as the first, which, metaphysically speaking, it should be, that is the maintenance of State rights. This being certain, all nations are ready to federate, and do federate; what else is the accepted law of nations? Yes, the so defined federation is fancifully possible and fact; but even Mr. Barton will scarcely be so heroic as to assert that world federation is politically possible, or practically fact, while theoretically it may be so.

Australia may also intend to federate and become a "national unity" and "power," but not to maintain "State rights"—except academically, except metaphysically, of course that is agreed to; but politically it is seemingly utopian, quite impossible. Thus, no former federation ever did maintain "State rights." If so, "Gentle shepherd, tell me where." Was it Grecian or Israelitish? Was it German, was it American? Political history everywhere says no. There never did exist such a federation; there is no such federation in process of formation.

It might be argued that as in orthodox theology, so in the political world, "as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be"—or what happened will in likeness again occur. Israel became one kingdom, Judah another kingdom, Greece a tyranny, Germany an empire, and America is in process of fusion. The political power will perform what must be, irrespective of morals, rights, or desires. The expediency of the "National unity" will absorb the "State rights" until the State is lost in the unity. It has always been so. Will Mr. Barton dispute this? If not, will Mr. Barton give up, politically, the second part of his definition, or must there be further argument that in the political world, as in the mathematical, the greater includes the less, or infinitely more, other argument? But a word to the wise is sufficient.

Many, perhaps most, are prepared to accept the unity of Australia as the best condition of political things; but, if so, let our best statesmen not darken counsel by describing the political thing as something which has not been, cannot be at present, or that will not ever be; then there can be no excuse for future misunderstanding.

It is affirmed, faithfully enough, by the author of the original Australian brand, that, when once within the gates of federation, there will be no return but through carnage, misery, and death of multitude; therefore, while Australian unity may be hopefully described as possible, let that be the national incentive, casting aside the meaner provincial shadowy incentive so nicely portrayed by the lecturer as State right. There is another definition of federation, certainly more true if less palatable than the Dicey-Barton definition, and that is fusion of peoples, tending towards Kingdom, Empire, or Republic.

Dibbs' unification plan achieves at a bound what Barton's inchoate plan postpones for perhaps centuries; but the goal is the same. There is no other limit to the race. The State right is a beautiful but deceptive vision.

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August 22. N. HAWKEN.

A dinner was given by the Eighty Club to Lord Tweedmouth at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Tuesday, July 10. Mr. A. H. D. Acland, M.P., who was in the chair, highly praised the great qualities which Lord Tweedmouth had shown as chief whip of the Liberal party, and expressed regret that the House of Lords had taken him from the Commons. Lord Tweedmouth, in reply, declared that the question of the House of Lords would occupy a very prominent position at the next election. The decision of the question rested with the people, and if they returned a large Liberal majority to the House of Commons he had no doubt as to what the fate of the House of Lords would be in the future. In conclusion, he urged that the most cordial relations should be maintained between the Liberal and Labour parties, their interests being mutual.

TO ATHLETES.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Captain E. Farrell reports that the steamer Electra left Richmond River at 9 a.m. on the 22nd, arrived in Sydney at 6 p.m. on the 23rd; had variable winds and showery weather to Smoky Cape, thence to Sydney west and south-west winds and fine weather.

Captain G. Andrews reports that the Victorian left Townsville at 7 p.m. on the 18th instant, arrived at Flattop Island at 2.30 p.m. on the 19th, left again at 4.15 p.m. same day, passed Sandy Cape at 11.15 p.m. on the 20th, entered Moreton Bay at 11.30 a.m. on the 21st, and arrived at the company's wharf, Brisbane, at 3.20 p.m. same day; left Brisbane again at 11 p.m. same day, passed Cape Moreton at 2.35 a.m. on the 22nd, Smoky Cape at 7.30 p.m. same day, Seal Rocks at 3.30 a.m. on the 23rd, and arrived at Sydney at 12.35 p.m. same day. Experienced strong S.E. gale, attended with high sea, squalls, and rain from Cleveland Bay to Sandy Cape, thence fresh S.W. wind with rain to Moreton Bay, thence fresh N.W. and squally weather to Smoky Cape, thence moderate S.W. wind with fine weather to arrival.

Captain W. O. Herse reports that the steamer Bega left Eden at 8 a.m. on the 22nd, called at Merimbula, Tathra, and Bermagui, and arrived at company's wharf 9.40 a.m. on the 23rd. Had fresh westerly wind and fine weather.

Captain John Rossiter reports that the Warrego left Brisbane at 8.15 p.m. on the 21st instant, and arrived at the company's Grafton Wharf at 6.50 p.m. on the 23rd instant. Experienced moderate N. to N.W. winds to Smoky Cape, thence fresh S.W. breeze with cloudy weather throughout.

Captain W. J. Featherstone reports that the steamer Oonah left Hobart at 9.30 p.m. the 21st instant, rounded Tasman Island at midnight, passed Gabo Island at 4 a.m. Wednesday, was abreast of Jervis Bay at 4 p.m. yesterday, and arrived at 11.15 p.m. Experienced fine weather throughout the trip.

The Mary Wadley yesterday arrived at Hokianga from Melbourne.

Captain D. Anthon reports that the steamer City of Grafton crossed the Clarence bar at 3.45 p.m. the 22nd instant, passed North Head at 11 p.m. the 23rd instant. Experienced moderate west and south-west to Point Stephens, hen strong south and heavy head sea.

The ex-warship Wolverine is fitting out for the merchant service as a barque. A lot of riggers and shipwrights were employed on board yesterday.

The China Navigation Company's steamer Taiwan is due to-day from Hongkong.

The Oscar Robinson, from Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, was reported in the bay at Seal Rocks yesterday bound to Sydney.

Captain J. E. Butcher reports that the steamer Eurimbla left Adelaide on 18th August at 2.30 p.m., Melbourne on 21st August at 3.30 p.m., cleared Port Phillip at 6.15 p.m., passed Wilson's Promontory on the 22nd at 4.15 a.m., Gabo Island at 11.20 p.m. same day, entered Sydney Heads at 11.20 p.m., and arrived at company's wharf at 12 p.m. Experienced light to moderate E. winds to Wilson's Promontory, thence light N.E. and N. winds, with thick, foggy weather to Cape Everard; thence light variable wind to Jervis Bay; thence fresh S.E. winds and moderate sea to arrival.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The M.M.S. Armand Behic, hence 28th July, left Aden on the 22nd instant for Marseilles.

The R.M.S. Orotava, London 27th July, left Colombo on 21st August for Sydney.

THE A.U.S.N. COMPANY'S LINE.

The Ranelagh, for Melbourne and Adelaide, sails hence to-morrow at 11 a.m. The Aramac sails from Brisbane to-morrow for Sydney, and sails hence Tuesday for Melbourne, connecting with the s. Warrnonga at Melbourne for West Australian ports. The Warrnonga leaves Melbourne Thursday next for West Australian ports. The Eurimbla sails hence to-day for Brisbane and ports to Rockhampton. The Wodonga sails from Melbourne to-morrow for Sydney and sails hence Wednesday next for Brisbane and ports to Cooktown. The Warrego leaves Sydney to-morrow at 10 a.m. for Brisbane, Cooktown, Thursday Island, Normanton, and Burketown direct. The Cintra will leave Brisbane to-morrow for Queensland ports to Cooktown. The Arawatta sails from Cooktown to-morrow for South ports, and is due in Sydney Sunday, the 2nd September. The Victoria, for Noumea, Fiji, and Vila (New Hebrides), will sail hence Wednesday, the 5th September.

THE ADELAIDE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The Innamincka is to arrive to-day from West Australia, and is to have a thorough overhaul, and to return at noon on 1st September for Melbourne, Adelaide, and the West. The Victoria leaves on Saturday at noon for Queensland ports. The Tekapo is to leave Melbourne on Saturday for Adelaide, Albany, and Fremantle. The Adelaide leaves Adelaide on Saturday for Melbourne and Sydney, and is due here on 6th September, when she goes into dock for a thorough overhaul, and leaves for Melbourne and Adelaide on 15th September. The South Australian is to leave Townsville on Friday for southern ports and Sydney, and is due here on 30th, returning on 1st September at noon. The Colac is to leave on Tuesday, 28th instant, for Queensland ports, in connection with the company's weekly cargo steamers between Melbourne, Sydney, and the North.

THE HOWARD-SMITH LINE.

The Peregrine sails hence to-morrow for Brisbane, Rockhampton, Mackay, and Townsville. The Konoowarra sails hence to-morrow for Melbourne, and returns thence on Wednesday. The Eodondo leaves Melbourne to-day for Sydney, and may be expected here on Sunday afternoon. The Buninyong leaves Brisbane to-day for Sydney, and may also be expected here on Sunday. The Leura leaves Townsville to-morrow for Sydney, via ports, and may be expected here on Friday next. The Burwah leaves Brisbane to-day for Maryborough and Rockhampton. The Barrabool leaves Melbourne to-morrow for Adelaide.

THE GULF LINE.

Messrs. A. M'Arthur and Co. have been advised by cable of the departure on Wednesday of the Gulf of Siam from London for Perth (W.A.), Melbourne, and Sydney.

VALUE OF SHIPPING LABOUR IN LIVERPOOL.

The Liverpool Corporation last month appointed a commission to inquire into the unemployed question, and on the 16th ultimo Mr. Corphey, a stevedore in a large way of business in the Liverpool docks, made the following statement as to ruling rate of wages:—Stevedores, who stow the cargo in the holds, get 7s a day—I call them skilled labourers. Those who break out cargoes get 6s per day, and the men who stand over the hatches 5s 6d per day; ordinary labourers get 5s, and quay porters 4s 6d per diem. The hours are from 7 in the morning till 5 in the evening, with one hour allowed for dinner. For working from 5 until 9 in the evening, without time for tea, stevedores get 6s 6d each and ordinary labourers 4s, or about time-and-a-half. For working all night, a period of some nine hours, stevedores receive 13s, those who break up cargoes 12s, and ordinary labourers 8s. During the past 10 years there has been an increase of 6d a day and a decrease of an hour per day.

ENGLISH SHIPPING.

Sailings are advised as under:—The Mary A. Troop, from Antwerp, was in the Downs 18th July.

London for Adelaide, Deveron (1625), 7th July; for Sydney, Sophocles (1120), 13th July. Glasgow for Adelaide and Melbourne, Loch Lomond (1200), 7th July; for Sydney (Newcastle), Ochlertyre (1354), 12th July. The Lord Rosebery, for Sydney, was off the Wight 17th July. The Port Victor sailed from London 19th July, for Sydney, in command of Captain Smith. The Chemnitz left Hamburg 14th July. The Bungaree was off Ushant 17th July. The Hawkes Bay left London 12th July.

Loading and Projected Sailing Dates.—London: For Brisbane, Highland Forest (1040), 22nd July; for Adelaide, Formosa (945), 25th July; for Fremantle, Charlotte Padbury (659), 27th July; for Melbourne, Loch Garry (1565), 28th July; Hesperides (1328), 5th August; for Newcastle, Stuart (881), 25th July; for Sydney, Cromdale (1903), 25th July; Aristides (1721), 28th July; Macquarie (1867), 25th August. Liverpool: For Melbourne, Parthenope (1563), 22nd July; Camphill (1190), 30th July; for Sydney and Newcastle, Annesley (1521), 30th July; for Adelaide, Eden Holme (794), 30th July. Glasgow: For Adelaide and Melbourne, Loch Ness (1236), 8th August; for Sydney and Newcastle, Caithnesshire (1675), 22nd August.

THE CELTIC KING.

This steamer arrived at midnight from London, via Melbourne. Like the Maori King, she will be handled here by the Orient Company to load frozen meat. She left London on the 24th June last. The voyage was made under adverse conditions, the weather at times being of a very boisterous nature, and on several occasions the vessel was in consequence "hove to." Reference to the log shows that the steamer met with fine weather until crossing the line on the 7th July, when strong south-east trades were encountered, these lasting to 28° S. The latitude of the Cape was passed on the 18th and the first meridian on the 20th July. Heavy weather overtook the vessel on the 24th July, and thereafter until arrival at Adelaide on the 11th instant a succession of strong gales marked the way. The concluding portion of the passage was attended by favourable weather. The vessel has come into port in perfect order, and will receive immediate despatch.

FAST CARGO STEAMERS FOR THE P. AND O.

On 17th July the steel screw steamer Ceylon left the Cleveland Dockyard of Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Middlesbrough, for the purpose of testing the general working of the vessel and her machinery by a run along the coast. This steamer has been built for the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, being the third which these builders have constructed for the same company. The Ceylon is fitted and finished in a very similar manner to the steamship Aden, completed about two years ago for the same company's Eastern line. The principal dimensions of the vessel are:—Length, 390ft.; beam, 47ft.; depth (moulded), 30ft. 10in.; with a deadweight carrying capacity of about 6000 tons. The steamer is of the three-decked type and takes Lloyd's highest class, but many of the scantlings are in excess of Lloyd's rules. The engines are by Messrs. T. Richardson and Sons, Limited, of Hartlepool, the cylinders being 30in., 49in., and 77in., by 48in. stroke, with two large double-ended steel boilers, the propeller being of manganese bronze. The speed attained was 14·3 knots per hour, everything working satisfactorily. At the termination of a most successful trial trip the steamer returned to the Middlesbrough Dock, where she would ship about 3000 tons of iron and coal, and then to London to complete her cargo for India and China.

On 12th July the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Mazagon, built by Messrs. Stephen and Sons at Linthouse, Glasgow, ran her trial trip in the Firth of Clyde, with results which were regarded as satisfactory. The Mazagon's dimensions are 400ft. by 48ft. by 31½ft., and she has been built to class 100 A1 on the spardeck rule. Her tonnage is 4997 tons gross, or 3280 tons net, while her deadweight carrying capacity amounts to 7150 tons, and she has a measurement capacity for cargo of 376,000 cubic feet, besides peaks, &c., and exclusive of bunkers. The machinery consists of a set of triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 27in., 45in., and 72in. by 48in. stroke, and two steel boilers 14ft. diameter by 17ft. 6in long, each having six furnaces. The heating surface and the grate surface are unusually large, to permit of burning foreign coal.

LOW PASSENGER RATES BY STEAMER.

Of late it is often remarked that it costs less from a board-and-residence point of view to take a trip by one or other of the intercolonial steamers than to live ashore. As a fact one can be carried 1000 miles just now, and enjoy all the comforts of being waited upon "hand-and-foot," and enjoy the pure ozone of the ocean, for less money than is charged by a third-class hotel. What is happening here is being repeated on the Liverpool and New York lines. A report dated the 20th ultimo received yesterday states that the steerage rates to America stand at 5ls, including outfit. This is the lowest rate ever quoted for a voyage across the Atlantic. Up to 10th July the American Line were charging £2 10s for third-class accommodation, while the Cunard and White Star lines maintained the old rate of £5. On the 12th July the last-mentioned company came down to £2, and the American company then offered to carry steerage passengers for 38s by the Philadelphia service from Liverpool, the vessels engaged in which are somewhat slower than those sailing from Southampton. At the same time the rate from the latter port was reduced to £2, and since then the Cunard Company also introduced a £2 rate. It is not correct to say that this charge involves an absolute loss on every passenger carried, but it certainly brings the margin of profit dangerously near the vanishing point.

THE ORMUZ DUE MONDAY.

The Ormuz is due on Monday from London, via the usual ports. Captain H. S. Darby reports:—13th July: Left Gravesend at 5.40 p.m., after embarking passengers; weather showery and cloudy, wind S.W.; fine, clear weather, with light to moderate W.S.W. winds, experienced to the Start; from thence set in showery until arrival at Plymouth, which was reached at 3 o'clock p.m. on the 14th. Left Plymouth at 7.8 p.m. the same date, meeting with fine but dull weather with occasional rain and moderate to light winds across the bay. The usual north winds and bright, fair weather followed the ship on her course down the Peninsular coast. Gibraltar was reached on 18th July at 9.42 a.m., the ship remaining until 8 o'clock p.m., when the voyage was resumed. Very fine bright weather, alternating with calm and light winds, was met with until arrival at Naples at 6.45 a.m. on 22nd July. The stay in this place lasted as usual until the 22nd, when, having embarked 754 packages of mail, a start was made again at 4.2 a.m. Light winds, smooth seas, and remarkably fine weather favoured the voyage to Port Said, which was reached at 8.13 a.m. on the 25th. After a stay of four hours for coaling, the ship proceeded into the Canal, and arrived at Suez at 7.23 a.m. on 27th July, and left at 8.9 a.m. The passage through the Red Sea was not marked by the intensely hot weather common to the month. The ship was off Aden on the 31st, and the following day passed out of the Gulf, meeting on her voyage across the Arabian Sea 24 hours of strong monsoon, which, however, quickly moderating, was succeeded by moderate winds and sea and more or less dull weather.

She has the following through passengers:—Mr. A. Bones, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Briggs, Mr. A. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cox and family (8), Mr. A. Spencer Ellam, Mr. George Kibble, Mr. Rupert H. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lowther-Weir and family (8), Mr. L. E. Radcliffe, Mr. T. Budd, Mr. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. T. Clarke, Miss Clarke, Mr. J. H. Cogdon, Mr. P. E. Garden, Miss E. Grane, Mrs. C. M. Hartley, Mr. W. Harvey, Rev. S. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs. Horton and child, Mr. and Mrs. M'Whirter and family (8), Mr. C. R. Adams, Captain Macdonald, R.A., Rev. G. H. Man, Mrs. Newham and family (8), Mr. D. T. Pearson, Rev. W. A. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips and party (8), Mr. L. F. Schoenheimer, Mr. W. Shine, Mr. A. R. Wallace, and 108 in other classes.

THE REDE LECTURE.

LIBRARIES DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

The Rede lecture was delivered by Mr. John Willis Clark, M.A., the Registrar of Cambridge University, in the lecture-room of anatomy and physiology, on 13th June, the subject being "The position, arrangement, and fittings of libraries during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, with special notes on the system of chaining books." The lecture, according to the *Times*, was illustrated by lantern slides, and was open to the public, a few seats being reserved for members of the Senate and their friends.

Mr. Clark said that the methods of Roman libraries influenced the Middle Ages, and were, in fact, the precursors of those in fashion in our own times. The library era, as we might call it, of the Christian world began with the publication of the Rule of St. Benedict, early in the sixth century. He did not invent literature or libraries; he only lent the sanction of his name to the study of the one and the formation of the other. That libraries existed before his period was proved by allusions to them in the Fathers and other early writers. We might fairly conclude that by the end of the 11th century Benedictine houses possessed two sets of books—(1), those which were distributed among the brethren; (2), those which were kept in some safe place, probably the church, as part of the valuables of the house; or, to adopt modern phrases, they had a lending library and a library of reference. The Augustinians went a step further than the Benedictines and the orders derived from them, for they prescribed the kind of press in which the books were to be kept. It might have been expected, from the use of the word "library" in the Rule of St. Benedict, that a special room assigned to books would have been one of the primitive component parts of every Benedictine house. This, however, was not the case. Such a room did usually occur in these houses, but it would be found, on examination, that it was added to some previously existing structure in the 14th or 15th century. How, then, did they bestow their books after they had become too numerous to be kept in a church? The answer to this question was a very curious one, when we consider what our climate was, and indeed what the climate of the whole of Europe was during the winter months. The centre of the monastic life was the cloister. In the cloister accordingly the brethren kept their books; and there they sat and studied, or conducted the schooling of the novices and choir boys. Such a locality as this could not have been very favourable to the preservation of the books themselves. They, however, had a certain amount of protection which was denied to their readers, for they were shut up in presses. As time went on greater comfort was introduced. The Durham Rites spoke only of book-presses standing in the cloister against the walls; but it was not unusual to have recesses in the wall itself, fitted with shelves, and probably closed by a door. The number of the books would naturally increase, and by the beginning of the 15th century the larger monasteries at least had accumulated many hundred volumes. These had to be bestowed in various parts of the house without order or selection—in presses set up wherever a vacant corner could be found—to the great inconvenience, we might be sure, of the more studious monks, or of scholars who came to consult them. To remedy such a state of things, a definite room was constructed for books, in addition to the presses in the cloister, which were still retained for the books in daily use. This library was not unfrequently thrown open to scholars in general, who were allowed to borrow books from it, on execution of an indenture or deposit of a sufficient pledge. An examination of the statutes affecting the library in the codes imposed upon the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge showed that their provisions were borrowed directly from the monastic customs. The resemblances were too striking to be accidental. He thought that we were justified in assuming that the internal fittings of the libraries would be identical also. When books were first placed in a separate room, fastened with iron chains, for the use of the fellows of a college or the monks of a convent, the piece of furniture used was, he took it, an elongated lectern or desk, of a convenient height for a seated reader to use. The books lay on their sides on the desk, and were attached by chains to a horizontal bar above it. There were at least two libraries in Cambridge University fitted with such desks—at the colleges of Pembroke and Queen's; and that it was a common form abroad was proved by its appearance, towards the end of the fifteenth century, in a French translation of the first book of the "Consolations of Philosophy" of Boethius. The desk could not be dispensed with so long as books were chained, but one or more shelves were added to it. The system of chaining, as adopted in this country, would allow of the books being readily taken down from the shelves and laid on the desk for reading. One end of the chain was attached to the middle of the upper edge of the right-hand board; the other, to a ring which played on a bar set in front of the shelf on which the book stood. The fore-edge of the books, not the back, was turned forwards. A swivel, usually in the middle of the chain, prevented tangling. The chains varied in length according to the distance of the shelf from the desk. The bar was kept in place by a rather elaborate system of ironwork attached to the end of the bookcase. In English libraries at least bookcases arranged on what he might term the Oxford type were in general use throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The invention of printing had largely increased the number of volumes, and at the same time diminished their value, so that chaining was no longer necessary. When it had been abandoned neither a desk nor a seat in close proximity to the books was required. In consequence, though libraries continued to be built on the ancient type, with numerous windows close to the floor, it was possible to alter the old cases or to make new ones, with a far larger number of shelves than heretofore; and when further space for books was needed, low cases were interposed between each pair of tall ones. So far as he had been able to discover, the first library arranged in the way with which we were familiar—namely, with the bookcases set against the walls instead of at right angles to them—was that of the Escurial. Among the imitators of this, he felt sure, was Cardinal Mazarin, whose library was fitted up in Paris shortly after 1643 as a library to be used daily by the public. Before concluding, Mr. Clark showed how books were bestowed in the studies of individual scholars, whether Royal, monastic, or secular.

At its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer on the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor.

RAILWAY FREIGHT CHARGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your telegram from Liverpool in this morning's issue states that a local storekeeper has had goods conveyed from Sydney by road at a saving of 4s 11d per ton. I think it just to the Commissioners to state fully the circumstances. We must remember that if goods are conveyed on rail at a loss, the general public contributes for the benefit of a few individuals. No doubt on one class of goods, the class that must be referred to, the charges are high, I think too high, but taken all round few can complain. I have been asked for freight by road, but I cannot see my way to give it, as although I can get the 14s 5d class conveyed for 10s, I can do nothing with the produce class. Here is a list of my this week's freights, which will illustrate this:—Three trucks produce, 14 tons 6cwt. 2qr., for £1 17s 3d (I could have had 15 tons same price, say 2s 1d ton); 10 tons 7cwt. 3qr. at 3s 2d per ton (potatoes and maize); general goods quoted 11s 1d to 14s 5d rate, 3 tons 5cwt, averaging 12s 9d per ton. This average is rather high, as some were small quantities, on which there is a minimum charge. The result to me being that I had 27 tons 19cwt. 1qr. of goods conveyed at an average all round of 4s 0½d per ton. How can teams compete with this? I had also coal from Lithgow at 7s 6d, and lime from Marulan 10s 1d, of course by truck loads. The one line is no doubt rather heavy, but all round we cannot well complain. I might mention that I believe the Commissioners would find it pay to reduce the price of first-class passenger fares.

I am, &c.,

Aug. 23. CHARLES A. SCRIVENER.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The business of the day in the Stock and Share market, although not large in amount, disclosed a better tone, the transactions reported generally being at higher prices. Bank of New South Wales continue to rise, an advance of ½ being quoted. For Australian Joint Stock Bank an offer of 1s rise was made. A Queensland National Bank deposit was disposed of at about the last quoted price. Steam and insurance shares continue steady. Australian Gaslight still had a rising tendency, being sold at an advance of ⅛. North Shore Gas in better request. Castlemaine and Wood Brothers were held for a higher figure. Colonial Sugar, after being sold at an advance of ½, remained firm at the stronger quotation. Melbourne Trams had a rising tendency.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported :—At 1 o'clock : Queensland National deposit, 15 ; Australian Gas, 12¾ ; Colonial Sugar Refining Company, 25¾ ; Sydney Hydraulic, 10s 6d. At 4 o'clock : Australian Gas, 12¾ and 12⅞. The closing quotations were :—

Companies.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
FUNDED STOCK.	£	£	£	p. c.			
N.S.W. Act of 1890	...	...	...	...	103	101½	...
N.Z. Deb'tures 4 p.c., due 1913	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BANKS.							
Australian J. S.	1,067,519	10	6¼	5	40/	36/	40/
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	7½	...	...	80/
City	240,000	10	8	6	75/	...	...
New Issue	158,264	10	8	...	...	...	...
Com. of Sydney, Ltd., A.	911,225	12½	12½	8	17	15½	16½
Ditto, Ltd., B.		12½	5		8	7½	9½
Nation. of Aust	1,472,650	10	4½	4			
De. Preference		10	10	5			
N. S. Wales	1,665,500	20	20	10	27½	27½	27¾
Ditto, New					72/6	70/	
Ditto, Rights						30/	
N. Zealand	900,000	5½	5½	5	69/		
Ditto					79/		
On N.Z. Regis					88/6		
Ditto							
Q'land National	630,246						
Royal of Q'land	300,000	8	4				
Union	1,500,000	75	25	6	29	28½	29½
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank, Negotiable	...	...	...	...	16/3	16/3	16/6
Ditto, due 1897	...	...	...	...		17/	
Inscribed	...	...	...	...	13/	14/	
Com. of Sydney	...	...	...	...	20/3	19/9	20/
Q'land National	...	...	...	...	15/	15/	15/3
North Q'land	...	...	...	...			
Royal of Q'land	...	...	...	...			
STEAM.							
Balmain Ferry	29,250	12 6	7 6	...	6d	3d	1/
Newcastle and H.R.	100,000	1	1	6	10/6	8/9	10/6
North Coast	121,742	1	17/6	5	18/	...	18/6
Illawarra	68,896	5	4	7½	75/	72/6	...
N.S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	20/	20/6	21/6
Port Jackson	60,000	5	3	...	1/6	2d	
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	12,500	1	2/6	40½	11/	11/6	
City M. Fire	15,000	1	2/	10	1/7	1/6	1/9
Mercantile Mutual	18,750	1	2/6	20	5/7	5/6	5/9
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	12½	60/6	57/	60/6
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	54/	50/	
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6		11/	10/	15/
GAS.							
Australian	681,795	6	6	8/	12¾	12½	13
City of Goulburn	10,000	1	1	35		24/	
North Shore	82,277	1	1	6	15/	14/6	
BREWERIES.							
Australian	96,000	1	1		10/	...	5/6
Castlemaine and Wood B.	250,000	1	20/	7	14/	13/3	
Marshall's	98,750	1	15/		2/3	...	9d
Perkins's	87,500	15/	15/		10/9	10/	12/
Ditto, New		15/	5/				
Tooth's	900,000	1	20/	7	14/6	14/9	15/3
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons' Ex.	17,500	15/	10/			4/	
Aus. Kerosene	180,000	1	20/	6	27/6		
Ditto, cont.		1	6/				
Colonial Sugar	2,337,550	20	20	10	26½	25½	26½
Ditto, £10 paid		20	10			15½	
Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	96/	...	96/
Hudson Bros.	180,000	10/	10/				
Ditto, New	21,000	1	7/				
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	5			
Eagle Tobacco	71,500	15/	15/		3/9	...	3/9
Mort's Dock							
Hudson Bros.							
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1				9/
Shale and Oil	64,250	1	13/3		4/	2/6	
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	10	15½	15	16½
Syd. Tramway	60,750	1	15/	5			
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	10/	5	10/6	10/	10/6
M'bourne Tram	480,000	1	10/	5	9/3	12/	
Silverton Tramway	197,806	5	1	30	40/	48/	
Volunteer Land Orders	...	...	...	...			
INVESTMENT AND FINANCE.							
M't de Piete	65,002	1	1	10	21/9	21/9	22/6
Ditto, new							
Mortgage Guarantee	34,064	2½	15/				
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6		1/9	1/9	2/
Perpet. Trustee	25,000	10	5/	6	9/	7/6	8/9
Land & B'ld'g							
Industrial Prov.	115,800	20	20	7	14½	14½	15½
Syd. and Sub.	27,233	1	1		2/6		
Sydney Freeh'ld	18,750	1	7/3	10		7/4	8/6

* With five months' interest.

Our London files to the 20th July indicate a slight hardening of the money market. The market rate for three months' bills fine, which had been as low as ½ per cent., had advanced to 11-16d per cent. The *Times* estimated that a surplus of five to seven millions was unemployed on the market, apart from what was directly controlled by the Bank of England. It then seemed questionable whether it would be so far reduced as to admit of the bank raising its rate this year. It was expected, indeed, that there would be some internal as well as foreign drain. But from our cable advices of the bank figures it appears that, though the bank's supply of gold continued for several weeks to diminish in amount, the reduction was not by any means so large as usual, and moreover there has since been some increase. All good investment loans continued in request. For instance, the county of West Ham obtained a loan of £136,000 at an average of £101 6s 6d.

The prospectus of the Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock was advertised in London on the 20th July. The stock was to be issued in certificates to bearer of £1000, £500, and £100 respectively, with option to holders to convert at any time into registered stock. Holders of the stock were to be free from liability, but were not to be entitled to vote. The issue price was to be at the rate of £101 5s for every £100, payable £5 per cent. on application, £26 5s on allotment (including the premium), and £70 on 26th October. Dividends on the instalments commenced from the date of payment, and were payable half-yearly on the 1st May and 1st November ; the principal of the loan to be repayable on the 19th July, 1895. As we have been informed by cable message, the amount was fully subscribed within half an hour after the opening of the share list.

The banks of the colonies have made very considerable progress towards establishing themselves on the broader and better foundations provided for by the reconstruction schemes. The *Australasian Insurance and Banking Record* summarises the following figures of losses by them during the eight years ended with the reconstruction period :—

PAID-UP CAPITAL.		
Placed in liquidation and written off during eight years ended 31st March, 1893	£3,678,000	
Written off at reconstruction era	1,145,000	
		£4,823,000
RESERVE FUNDS.		
Written off during eight years ended 31st March, 1893	£2,244,196	
Written off at reconstruction era	3,516,000	
		£5,760,196
Total capital and reserves lost		£10,583,196

This loss represented 44 per cent. of the total capital and reserves of all the Australasian banks at the time of the bank panic last year. In eight years the bank proprietary funds increased from £21,358,347 to £24,004,779 as shown at 31st March, 1893—an increase of £2,646,432.

A day or two back we mentioned that we had no evidence to show whether the expenses of the banks had increased rateably faster than banking business. And although we have no complete evidence now, the figures quoted by the *Record* show that as regards premises and furniture there was a disproportionate increase. Indeed, of the total increase of capital and reserves in the eight years quoted as £2,646,432, no less than £2,472,415 represented additions to premises and furniture, so that only £174,017 of proprietary funds was added to the effective resources of the banks. It may be said that the proprietary funds do not represent the whole of the banking capital, and that it is against this we should set that portion of the expenses represented by the premises and furniture accounts of the banks. Tested in this way, the figures at the two dates would stand as follows :—

—	Deposits, Capital, &c.	Premises, Furniture, &c.	Rates of Premises, &c., to Funds, per cent.
March 31—			
1885	£139,865,000	£3,686,998	2·6
1893	189,549,000	6,162,283	3·2

What these figures show is this, that the premises and furniture account of the Australasian banks increased from a ratio of 2·6 per cent. to deposits and other capital in 1885 to 3·2 per cent. in 1893, being an increase of 23 per cent. In other words, the premises and furniture values of 1893, instead of being £6,162,286, ought at the proportion of the available funds of 1885 only to have been £5,006,700. The banking competition in extending branches was responsible for increasing the ratio of expenses in the matter of premises and furniture by £1,155,500, or, as stated, 23 per cent. As premises required officers to man them, presumably there was some increase in the total amount of salaries unless there was any general reduction under that head to compensate for the increased number of officials required. These premises and furniture account would to some extent be reduced by the closure of branches since reported. The last banking averages show them to have fallen to £6,006,964, but within the year deposits and other liabilities had declined from £189,549,000 to £170,990,132, so that the ratio was increased from 3·2 to 3·5 per cent.—an increase of 134 per cent. from the ratio of 2·6 in 1885.

The *Banking Record* gives the following particulars of the amounts of call on bank shares under the reconstruction schemes, the amount received, and the amount still to receive :—

—	Amount of Calls Under Scheme of Reconstruction.	Received to 30th June 1894.	Still to Receive.
Banks with Head Offices in Melbourne.	£	£	£
Commercial of Australia	1,800,000	287,349	1,512,650
National of Australasia	750,000	328,759	421,240
Bank of Victoria	600,000	165,219	434,780
Colonial of Australasia	250,000	55,394	194,606
City of Melbourne	250,000	93,641	156,358
Total	3,650,000	930,364	2,719,635
Banks with Head Offices in Sydney.			
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	400,000	286,435	113,565
Australian Joint Stock	469,806	332,810	136,995
Total	869,806	619,245	250,560
Banks with Head Offices in Brisbane.			
Queensland National	480,000	150,246	329,753
Royal Bank of Queensland	187,500	—	187,500
Total	667,500	150,246	517,253
Banks with Head Offices in London.			
E. S. and A. Bank	562,500	310,432	252,068
London Bank of Australia	485,140	370,152	114,987
Total	1,047,640	680,584	367,055
Grand total	6,234,946	2,380,440	3,854,505

In New South Wales there will be very little to receive at the end of the present year. A good deal of the money to be paid to Melbourne banks will be from British shareholders.

The Graziers' Meat Export Company of New South Wales, Limited, has been registered, and at a meeting of the provisional directors held at the New Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, to-day, the shares which had been applied for were duly allotted, and a committee elected in terms of article 108 of the articles of association. Although the company has been registered, it is not intended to erect works until the share capital stipulated for by those who propose to take up debentures has been subscribed, viz., £100,000. The executive committee considered that the additional share capital could only be secured by forming the company. It was found that numbers of graziers declined to take up shares unless they could be assured that local works would be erected in their district. Now that the company is formed, the districts in which it is considered works should be erected can be defined, and the conditions under which local works will be erected can be stated. It is stated that the company can undertake to erect works in any of the districts specified and defined when sufficient capital has been subscribed in such district and other required conditions have been fulfilled. By the time shearing is over it is confidently expected that the remaining share capital required by those intending to take debentures, viz., 30,000, will have been subscribed and the promised debentures taken up, then the necessary works for carrying on the operations proposed by the company can be proceeded with. At the meeting 59,258 shares were allotted, and it was mentioned that applications would be received in the course of a few days for a further 13,600 shares ; and £40,600 in debentures have been promised to be taken up conditionally.

The liquidators' report of the British-Australian Land and Banking Company states that there had been realised during the year from shareholders £320, from land purchasers £1571, from debtors £110, and from sundries £20, making the total receipts for the year £2022. A third dividend to creditors amounting to £3049 had been paid, making the total payments to them £11,665. It appeared that a very large portion of the assets of the company had to be surrendered to the mortgagees owing to the great drop in values, and, as there only remained the residuum of assets, which were not of large value, only a very small further dividend would be obtainable.

Mr. L. Aarons, for seven years a member of the Sydney Stock Exchange, and for a like period on the Melbourne Exchange, is now proceeding to London to begin business in the same way.

We have received a copy of the twenty-fourth annual report of the Deputy Master of the Mint. We have already given the main features of the return.

The Victorian (s.), which arrived to-day from Queensland ports, brought 4210oz. of gold for the Bank of New South Wales.

IMPORT MARKET.

Matters in the Import market, locally, continue quiet. In Great Britain, however, and in some producing centres there is a much firmer feeling, which must before long react on prices here. Tea is hardening owing to the advance in exchange and to the firmness of producing markets. Dried fruits show a firmer tendency. Candles also are stronger. Malt has an improving local demand, and castor and China oil are firmer than they were a short time back. The last cabled quotations from Calcutta show an advance in the c.i.f. price of cornsacks and branbags of from 1d to 2d per dozen. Tinplates and quicksilver have also advanced in the home markets, though as yet there has been little improvement here. Advices from London respecting British exports to the Australian colonies show that orders have been on a slightly increasing scale, the aggregate value for the four weeks ending 5th July, according to Messrs. Stables, Straker, and Co.'s list, being £1,574,000, against £1,324,000 in the previous four weeks, an increase of £250,000. For the corresponding month last year the gross totals were £1,300,000. It is now hoped that so far as Australian trade is concerned the worst has been seen ; but, as of necessity a good deal of leeway has yet to be made up, caution will doubtless continue to be the leading feature for many months to come. Total shipments to Sydney and Newcastle during the four weeks ended 5th July were £538,000, to Melbourne £404,000, to Adelaide £165,000, to Queensland £123,000, and to New Zealand ports £290,000.

Respecting freights, Messrs. M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn, and Co., Limited, report on 20th July :—" Since our last there is no material alteration to note in any direction, and with respect to the colonial berths charterers experience no difficulty in supplying their requirements."

Tea had a rather more active inquiry. In medium panyongs business was done at an advance of from ½d to ¾d on the prices bid at the opening sale of the season. The following transactions came under notice to-day :—100 heavy weights congou, 5d ; 100 half-chests panyong, 6½d ; 150 half-chests panyong, 6¼d ; and a small line at 6d ; 15 chests Ceylon broken pekoe, 14d ; 20 chests ditto pekoe, 9d. The Ghazee's teas, quality considered, appear to stand at a higher cost than those of the Airlie, and according to the present outlook it appears improbable that purchases made at the commencement of the season can be repeated. Of the Melbourne market Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co. write on 21st instant :—

The opening sales of new season's Foochow teas were held on the 3rd. Choice chops sold well enough, but fine had an irregular market. All good mediums sold more steadily, but flavoury and common made poor rates. Buds sold at gradually rising prices, common selling at extreme values ; scenteds were cheap throughout. The general character of the crop is disappointing, and prices paid, although unsatisfactory to shippers, were reasonable, quality considered. Indians have shown a decided advance, which is at present more marked in common kinds, but as the heavy falling off in shipments becomes recognised, higher prices all round must be looked for. Ceylons are distinctly firmer, with a full ½d per lb. advance in common ; higher rates in these must also be expected.

The Colombo market is reported upon as follows by Messrs. Bathgate, Pim, and Co., under date 6th instant :—" At the sale on 1st instant supplies showed a further reduction, catalogues only totalling some 368,000lb., of which 32,000lb. had not arrived. The sales were characterised by strong competition, a higher range of values being established for all grades, the few finest realising extreme prices. Quality does not call for much comment. A few invoices show choice leaf and cup quality, while others show a falling off, being soft and pointless. The average price was 46c. against 43c. on 25th July, and 40c. on 18th July. The Ormuz takes 60,000lb. to Melbourne, of which 30,000lb. is optional Sydney, and 14,000lb. for Sydney direct. Exchange, six months' credits on London, is 1s 1 3-32d." From Calcutta we learn by mail that at the ninth auction sale held on 26th July, 21,900 packages were sold. Demand throughout the sale was very strong, and prices ruled generally higher. Common and medium sorts were fully half an anna to an anna dearer. The very finest grades remain unchanged.

Sugar was unchanged, with a fair demand. For a small lot of Ripple Creek A £23 5s was paid. In bright yellows business was done at up to £21, and in ration sugars at £14 10s and £16 10s, the first-named being for a "river" sugar.

Some interesting statistics respecting the Queensland sugar industry have been compiled by the Mackay *Sugar Journal*, and are contained in its August issue. The total area under sugar cane in Queensland, it appears, is 59,667 acres, being nearly one-fourth of the total area under cultivation, and only second to maize, which occupies 94,922 acres ; wheat coming third with 31,750 acres. The product per acre crushed was 1·74 tons of sugar, estimated as being worth £12 per ton at port of shipment. Though no new mills were imported in 1893, the value of the machinery imported was £11,987, against £5382 in 1892. Imports of sugarbags and mats in 1893 were £15,073, against £8260 in 1892. Exports, as already stated, were 56,126 tons, valued at £753,983, as against £589,753 in the previous year. At the mills 3169 persons were employed in 1893, as against 2543 persons in 1892, the increase being 626. Without counting the farmers who grow cane, it is estimated that during the crushing season some 12,000 men, white and coloured, find work in the sugar districts, outside of those who live in towns which are dependent upon the sugar industry. The number of coloured persons employed is about 7000. Of the progress of the current season the *Journal* writes :—

With the exception of frosts in the southern part of the colony the weather has been excellent for the furtherance of crushing operations. All the mills are probably now at work, Geondi, on the Johnstone River, having been expected to start during the last day or two. Light rains have fallen in some of the more northern districts, but fine days and cool nights have been the rule. The crops appear to be cutting well up to anticipations, though the plant cane is hardly ripe yet. At present there is no reason to alter our estimate of 95,000 tons. The losses in the Bundaberg district from frost are not likely to be severe, so far at any rate as the full-grown crops are concerned. What will be the effect upon the young plants remains to be seen, and largely depends upon the weather of the next few months. Planting is still being pushed on, but the scarcity of labour for this kind of field work is retarding operations.

In general groceries candles had some inquiry, and business was done in DRJ, to arrive Hohenzollern, at 6½d. For 150 boxes dates 2d was paid. American dried apricots had some attention at 10d and dried apples at 7d. The American Eastern markets are reported by Messrs. H. W. Peabody and Co. absolutely bare of sundried or evaporated apples, but the prospects are that this year's crop will be a fair one. Sales reported to-day were :—2 tons Waugh's baking powder, 2 tons Calcutta linseed, 3 tons canary seed to arrive, £18 10s ; 5 tons Castle Co.'s fine salt, 82s 6d. Trade sales Black Horse coarse and fine salt, 25 tons rock salt 35s, and trade sales Remy's starch. Of the prospects of the currant crop Messrs. De Lissa, Sons, and Co. write on 18th July :—

Somewhat more reliable estimates are now to hand, and the crop that will be gathered is put down at 130,000 to 150,000 tons, whilst last year it was only 172,000 tons. Of course it cannot be foretold yet whether the crop will be housed in perfect condition, as the critical time when the fruit is lying on the drying grounds has yet to come. Prices have hardened in proportion to this reduced growth, and Patras at the moment is 1s 6d and 2s dearer than London. The stock of old fruit in Greece is under 10,000 tons, which is little more than the residue of an ordinary season. It must not be forgotten that the low prices of the past season have opened fresh markets, and with anything like these rates a firm demand may be relied upon from Russia and the northern European ports. Should this prove the case, and the world's consumption continue as at present, the growth will be inadequate to the demand, and higher prices are sure to rule. That is the opinion of those most interested, as proved by the strong tone of the market in Patras, and although the consumptive power of the world for the moment has been supplied, yet the last few days have showed a keener demand with better markets. Present value for good shipping provincials is 9s 6d ex warehouse ; very common, 7s.

Hennessy's brandy was rather firmer, One-Star being quoted about 34s 6d, and Three-Star 45s 6d. Lowndes' rum dull at 2s 6d. Geneva also quiet, except 16-bottle, which is out of first hands, and was sold to arrive at 10s 6d. Several parcels of bottled ale are offering at a concession on usual tariff to reduce stocks, and this has an adverse effect on the sale of other brands. Trade sales of the following were reported :—Brandy : Martell's, Renault's, Fauconnier's. Rum : Red Heart. Gin : Gilbey's. Schnapps : Silverstream. Whisky : Walker's, Uam Var, Glenara, Loch Dhu, Shamrock, Williams's bulk, Glen Scot, Robertson's, and White Horse. Ale : Foster's, Aitken's, and Bulldog. Lagerbeer : Kupper's. Stout : Bulldog, Burke's, and Blood Wolfe's. Bitters : Angostura.

A sale of 250 cases kerosene for export was reported at 8½d f.o.b. Duty-paid quotations were unaltered. Other sales of oils included :—50 cases China oil for export, 2s 2d f.o.b. ; 100 cases castor oil, to arrive, 2s 2d ; 15 cases turpentine, 2s 9d.

In jute goods a little business was done in woolpacks at 1s 5½d, and in a special sample at 1s 6½d. Trade sales of cornsacks were made at 4s 4½d to 4s 6d, and of bran bags at 3s 3d. Of the Calcutta market Messrs. Octavius Steel and Co. write on 27th July :—

Gunnies.—Demand during the past fortnight has been confined to the Bombay and other local markets, and some purchases have also been made by speculative dealers. Mills have not met buyers to any extent, and prices are too high to admit of an extensive business being done. For the colonies about 2000 bales cornsack have been taken for near at hand and forward, at 26r. 8a. and 27r., according to delivery, but in other goods there has been little or nothing done. At the close the market is quiet, but prices keep steady. Castor oil : Our market is firm on account of higher prices ruling for seeds, but there is very little business passing. We quote 8r. 2a. for No. 3 in cases and 7r. 14a. for half-cases.

Fencing wire was unchanged. For export 25 tons No. 8 was placed at a price sustaining current quotations. BBA shears were also without alteration. Trade sales of caustic soda were made at £13 10s ; and ton lots cream of tartar were sold at 8½d. For 25-cask lots Wouldham cement 11s 6d was paid.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £5278. The principal items were :—

Spirits, £2109 ; wine, still, £75 ; tobacco and snuff, £329 ; cigars, £244 ; cigarettes, £37 ; sugar, unrefined, £322 ; rice, £14 ; dried fruits, £69. Specific duties : Doors, wood, £35 ; flour, £60 ; fruits, green, £189 ; hay and chaff, £125 ; jams and jellies, £10 ; oatmeal, £24 ; oats, £78 ; oil, kerosene, £120 ; onions, £12 ; playing cards, £16 ; potatoes, £68 ; timber, undressed, £288 ; vegetables, fresh, £10. Ad valorem : 10 per cent., £650 ; 15 per cent., £50. Harbour and light rates, £29 ; pilotage, Sydney, £28 ; colonial distilled spirits, £50 ; excise on beer, £98.

EXPORT MARKET.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, are in receipt of a cable message from Nelson Brothers, Limited, of London, as follows :—" Market price of mutton, 2⅝d per lb." This marks a slight improvement since last week. Of the market at date of departure of the last mail, Nelson Brothers, Limited, write :—

Australian Mutton : The Morayshire adds to stocks 239 carcases from Queensland. There has been no improvement in price, which remains at 2⅝d per lb., or a trifle under. River Plate sheep are in very heavy supply, both in London and Liverpool, afloats are numerous, and, so far from a cessation of shipments from the Plate, there seems a certainty of much increased numbers coming forward. Prices in Liverpool have been lowered to 2d per lb. In London 2⅛d per lb. is obtained, and there appears to be an inclination to keep on a par with Australians.

New Zealand Lamb : The Morayshire brought 9272. The demand has been fairly good at not much diminished prices. Though the season proper is drawing to an end, stocks are in manageable compass, and there should be no recurrence of last year's disastrous trading and ruinous prices.

Queensland Beef : The Buteshire has discharged a good part of her cargo, will probably finish on Monday. It is reported that the Elderslie has been hired to receive part of the Morayshire's cargo, and a start will be made on Monday. The Duke of Devonshire, after landing about 1000 quarters of beef, has ceased to discharge, and will probably be kept on as a storeship for a time. The Smithfield trade in hard beef has virtually collapsed, the bulk of what has been disposed of this week was beef that was sold to speculators on the 9th and 10th instant, stored by them, and now put on the market at about half the price it originally cost. Welcome as the spurt was at the time, the trade has not much, if at all, benefited by the large sales then made, the meat, as yet, not having all gone into consumption. Low as prices now are, 2⅛d per lb. for hindquarters, and 1½d per lb. for fores, demand is not stimulated, and the output is very limited.

We learn from the monthly circular of Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, of Melbourne, that the opening date of the forthcoming wool season in that centre cannot yet be definitely fixed, as arrivals to date are hardly equal to those of the corresponding date last year. It is thought, however, that the opening sale will be on the 3rd, or at latest, on the 10th of October. In Sydney, as already stated, the fortnightly sales will continue till the end of September, and the weekly series will commence on Monday, 8th October. The following passage from Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.'s circular is significant :—" It is to be regretted," they write, " that, owing to the extraordinary freight concessions made by the New South Wales Railway authorities, and a feeling of hostility to the Victorian stock tax on the part of many owners, some important Riverina clips will be missed from the Melbourne warehouses this year, to the advantage of the Sydney market."

The fortnightly local wool sales were concluded to-day. Catalogues were small, and buyers were numerous. Prices showed some irregularity, but on the whole were equal to those recently ruling. We have received the following reports :—

Messrs. John Bridge and Co. report :—For our usual fortnightly sale (No. 4) we submitted a catalogue of 418 bales, including 18 lots of greasy wool, which, with one or two exceptions, were samples of the new clip. Much interest was centred in the sale, as the wool offering was representative of several districts where shearing is now going on. The attendance of buyers was very large, and every lot brought forward elicited spirited competition, consequently we were enabled to clear the whole of the greasy parcels offered (with the exception of one or two lots) at prices comparing very favourably with those ruling last season. The highest price of the day was 6½d, which we secured for 5 bales of hoggets, branded MMcI over Lower Budda : 6¼d being obtained for 19 bales of wethers and ewes of the same mark. In comparing the sale of this particular brand to-day with last year's—although the wool this season is not so wasty, and is better grown—the price is ½d per lb. better, allowing for the condition of the clip, which gives an idea as to the feeling of the market. Another case is the HAF over ET brand, from the Darling, which also sold at ½d per lb. more than the clip of last year, the wool being in about the same condition, healthy and well grown. There are also several instances showing that the same price has been secured for this year's clip as was realised last season, which speaks well for the future. In scoureds we offered a fairly-sized catalogue, consisting of some very representative brands, notably amongst them being the JRL over MV in sexagon from the Darling (scoured at Senior's works in Bourke), which topped the market at the satisfactory price of 13½d for the first combing, 12½d being realised for the first clothing, 11½d broken, and 10½d first pieces. This wool reflects great credit on the scourers' workmanship. Next in order was 11½d for 27 bales branded EMV in block, from Bourke. At 11½d we placed the T over N over NE, a bright light-conditioned parcel, though slightly locky ; and the first combing of a locally scoured lot, branded P.CP in circle, of which brand also 9½d was secured for the A skin. The sale taken all round must be considered highly satisfactory, and woolgrowers who are now shearing will be able to form some idea as to how their clips will realise. By auction and privately we sold 447 bales, the following being our principal sales :—JC over Comborah, 8 of wethers at 6d, and same brand 6 of ewes at 6½d. This clip was well grown and healthy, but contained a lot of grass-seed that was not noticeable in the previous season's wool. T.W.P over Anchor, 4 from Warren, at 6¼d ; WP, 8 of fleece at 5½d, same brand 10 of fleece at 5d, and 5 of fleece at 4½d, from Rockhampton ; HAF over ET, from Bourke, 25 of hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 6¼d ; also 5 of C fleece at 5¾d, 6 of B fleece at 5½d, 5 of broken at 5½d, and 9 of pieces at 5½d ; MMcI over Lower Budda, 5 of hoggets at 6½d, and 19 of wethers and ewes at 6¼d ; Billagoe, from Cobar, 10 at 5½d ; AK, from Queensland, 7 at 5½d ; TY, 5 at 6¼d ; EMV in block, 27 at 11½d ; T over N over NE, 4 at 11½d ; TH over Lachlan, 7 of first combing at 10½d ; RW over Prairie Park, from Inverell, 2 at 11½d, also 1 of second combing of 9½d, 4 of first skin at 10d, 4 of second skin at 8½d, and 7 of locks at 6½d ; BMPCo, 9 at 7½d ; JRL over MV in sexagon, 26 of first combing at 13½d, 8 of second clothing at 12½d, 10 of broken at 11½d, 4 of first pieces at 10½d, and 2 of bellies at 8d.

Messrs. F. L. Barker and Co. report offering 25 bales at the usual fortnightly sale. The several parcels of the new clip to hand could not be included, owners thereof not yet having been heard from in reply to valuations sent. Biddings were keen for what was forward, consisting chiefly of scoured, and every lot found a buyer at rates fully equal to those lately ruling, on which valuations were based. In grease a small lot from Townsville, heavy in earth and wanting in character, brought 4½d. In scoured the concluding numbers, namely, 1298 to 1302, of the Welbon 1893-4 clip, nicely handled on the station, made for bellies 9½d, locks 7½d, bellies and pieces 7½d, stained pieces 7½d, stains, 5½d, locks and stains 6½d, second locks 5½d.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, report.—We submitted a catalogue of 50 bales at the fortnightly sales held to-day, which will be the last but one of our small sales, as on 20th September we intend holding our first large opening sale for the present season, at which about 3000 bales will be submitted. There was a good attendance of buyers in the saleroom to-day, several of the continental buyers having recently returned from Europe, while a few Melbourne representatives were also in the market. The tone of the auctions was good, and prices firm on the basis of the values current at the last fortnightly sales. The following are the particulars of sales made by us :—Greasy : GF over Logan Downs (Clermont, Q.), 4 bales Lincoln ewes at 5d, 1 rams at 4½d, black at 5½d, crossbred at 5¼d, ram bellies at 3½d, crossbred bellies at 3½d, mixed at 3½d ; LT (Muttaburra, Q.), 4 fleece at 5d, mixed at 2½d ; Gunebugh (Dandaloo), 7 hoggets at 7½d, 7 ewes at 6½d, 4 pieces hoggets and ewes at 5½d, bellies at 3½d, locks at 1½d ; DPKO over star (Coonamble), stragglers at 4½d, mixed at 3½d ; WP (Rockhampton, Q.), mixed at 3½d, locks at 1½d. Scoured : Local, crossbred A and B combing at 9½d.

Messrs. Campbell, Nimmo, and Co. report.—Incomplete consignments now in store tend to warrant the opinion that the early-shorn wools will be lighter in yolk than last season, owing, no doubt, to the prevalence of the dry westerly winds during the month of July. During the fortnight we have sold 120 bales of various wools at full market rates, our best price for scoured being 14d.

Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co. report. Our catalogue to-day comprised 490 bales, of which 80 bales were new clip from the West. The market was very strong, greasy wools being firm at late rates, and scoureds a shade higher than at last sales. Competition was well distributed, which we always regard as a good sign. Of the new wools our best lot was a small line of GN over Milton, from near Warren, a well-grown wool in bright condition, which realised 7d per lb. SH over Craignore, from Walgett, was bought in at 6½d, and TY&Sons over Overflow, from same place, at 6d. A large line of the Australian Chilling and Freezing Company's slipe wool sold at up 7½d per lb. In scoureds the top figure was 13½d for a parcel of very seedy clothing wool, scoured at the Collingwood Works, Liverpool ; 13d was paid for McC over CC fleece, handsomely scoured at Louth, Darling River ; skinwool of the same mark making 12½d ; pieces, 10½d ; and lambs, 9½d per lb. Our sales since last report amount to 630 bales, among which are the following :—SH over Craignore, from Walgett, 6 bales greasy lambs at 5½d, bellies at 3½d ; TY&Sons over Overflow, 7 pieces at 5d, bellies at 3½d, bellies and pieces at 3½d ; GN over Milton, from Warren, 8 fleece at 7d, pieces at 4½d ; AC&F Co. over Aberdeen, 20 first crossbred greasy slipe at 7½d, 18 second crossbred (burry) at 7d, 67 first combing at 6½d, 46 second combing at 6½d, 46 first and second clothing at 6d, 12 third combing at 4d, 34 third clothing at 3½d, 9 third crossbred at 4½d, 28 pieces at 5½d, 5 crossbred pieces at 5d ; G, 4 greasy pieces at 2½d. Scoured : A. Rizzi, 5 skinwool from Armidale at 10½d ; AC&F Co., 82 skinwool, excellently got up at the Northern Wool Company's Works, West Maitland, 10½d for second combing, 11½d for first clothing, 10½d second clothing, 8d thirds ; McC over CC, from Louth, Darling River, 4 fleece at 13d, 5 first skin at 12½d, 6 second skin at 10½d, 4 third skin at 9½d ; CF, 8 second pieces at 7d ; EB over Ferndale, 4 second combing at 6½d ; RN over Walcha, 8 combing at 11½d ; WL, 125 bales ; SP, 14 skins at 7½d.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, inform us that they will hold their opening wool sale for the present season on Thursday, 20th September proximo. The catalogue to be submitted will probably comprise 3000 bales. We understand that a large number of New South Wales clips which in previous years have been shipped to London will this season be offered in the local market. The present aspect of the market is promising, prices having advanced from 3 to 5 per cent. since the United States tariff was passed.

At Darling Harbour to-day 420 bales of wool were manifested, 147 arrived coastwise, and 378 were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

THE LONDON WOOL MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JULY 20.

The Exchange does not present that full attendance observable a week ago, and the spirit is not quite so animated in bidding ; but, while the tone is flatter, there is no material change in values. Crossbred greasy descriptions from New Zealand and scoured merino wools (1s 1d to 1s 2½d) command the keenest competition ; of the former there is a large percentage of inferior wools, which are more difficult to move than those of good lustre and character. Foreigners continue to compete for crossbred descriptions, but the bulk is taken for home account.

During the week several parcels of superior and choice washed Victorians have been catalogued, but with most disappointing results. There is absolutely no demand for wools of this category, whether greasy or washed, and those who are now taking them at what seems an absurdly low price take them for stock, there being no immediate prospect of selling them.

There is very little wool bought for America. The run seems to be on the same grade as formerly, but it appears probable that the requirements for that quarter, under the " free wool " tariff will be much more various and on a lower order. The sales have been still further shortened by one day, and will now close on the 25th instant.

What seems for the time unfavourable news has reached here within the last day or two respecting the progress and ultimate passage of the Tariff Bill now under discussion in the American Senate, and the rumour of postponement of date when the altered tariff charges will operate has slightly depressed the trade all round, without at present any weakening of values. One has now become so accustomed to these tactics of our cousins, that little notice is taken of them ; but that the delay of settling the question once for all is playing havoc with the United States trading world cannot be doubted, and it is no surprise that an urgent appeal to the Legislature has been made by a number of leading firms in New York. The withdrawals of wools in the auctions now in progress here are at times somewhat heavy, and unfortunately too frequent, but they are mostly confined to wools purchased in Australia for re-sale here. The effect at the consuming centres is adverse to sellers, buyers and users getting the impression that unsold lots mean weakening prices.

The proportion of merino wools compared with crossbreds offering has been much larger lately, and has brought foreign competition more to the front, resulting in heavy buying on the part of French and German houses, who have got the impression that prices will not now be lower for some time to come. It also becomes apparent that there may not be that abundance of wool between this and the new year which a large general consumptive demand may call for, especially should requirements from the States be made known.

Accounts from the provinces are fairly satisfactory, consequent upon the heavy transactions which took place a few weeks back. Buyers of the raw material, tops, and yarns are for the moment rather quiet. At the same time material is well held, and holders are not eager to sell, in the confident belief that the market of the future will favour them.

The Australian buyers are hard at work endeavouring to book orders for next season, and it seems likely that that market will be largely tested. It remains to be seen whether prices there ruling will offer sufficient inducement to make purchasing of large proportions or otherwise. At a figure there are large numbers who will again venture, and some lines may be very considerable. It therefore appears likely that sellers in the colonial markets will best consult their own interests if they test their own markets first, and if unsatisfactory they can then ship home.

The following are a few particulars of some brands sold and prices realised during the past week :—

New South Wales Wools.—WW over W, scoured first combing at 1s 2½d, scoured second combing at 1s 2d, 1s 0½d, scoured first clothing at 1s 2½d, 1s 1½d, 1s 0½d, scoured pieces at 11½d ; Yarrabunla, greasy first combing at 9½d, greasy second combing at 9½d, 9d, greasy third combing at 9d, greasy first pieces at 8½d, greasy second pieces at 7½d ; Lanyon, greasy super at 9d, greasy at 8½d, 8d, greasy pieces at 7½d, 7d, 6½d, greasy first lambs at 7½d, greasy second lambs at 5d ; Palka in oblong, greasy first combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy second combing at 7½d, 7d, 6½d, greasy first lambs at 7d, greasy second lambs at 6½d, greasy broken at 7d, scoured first combing at 1s 1d, scoured broken at 1s 0½d, 11½d, scoured bellies at 9½d ; Lissington, greasy at 6½d, 6½d, greasy lambs at 6½d, 6d, greasy broken at 6½d, scoured at 1s 1½d, 1s 0½d, scoured lambs at 9½d, scoured bellies at 11½d, 11d, scoured locks at 10d.

Queensland Wools.—Dagworth, scoured first combing hoggets at 1s 1½d, scoured first combing wethers at 1s 1½d, scoured second combing hoggets at 1s 2d, scoured second combing wethers at 1s 1d, scoured lambs at 1s, scoured broken at 1s 0½d, scoured bellies at 1s ; Dilalah, greasy first combing at 7½d, 7½d, 7d, 6½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, greasy second pieces at 6½d, greasy second lambs at 5½d ; Welltown, greasy first combing at 8d, greasy second combing at 9d, greasy first clothing at 7½d, greasy second clothing at 7½d, greasy broken at 8d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, greasy second pieces at 7½d, scoured combing at 1s 1d, scoured first clothing at 1s 0½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 1½d, scoured second pieces at 1s 0½d, scoured bellies at 11½d, scoured locks at 10½d ; TC in square over Retro, greasy first combing at 8½d, 8d, greasy second combing at 7½d, greasy broken at 7½d, greasy pieces at 7d.

Victorian Wools.—Uardry, greasy super combing at 8½d, greasy first combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy second combing at 7½d, greasy clothing at 8½d, greasy first lambs at 7d, greasy second lambs at 6d, greasy broken at 7½d, greasy pieces at 6½d ; F&Co over Burrumbeep, greasy first combing at 10d, greasy second combing at 9½d, greasy first clothing at 9½d, greasy second clothing at 9d ; Elderslie, greasy first combing at 9½d, 9d, 8½d, greasy A clothing at 8½d, greasy broken at 8d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, greasy bellies at 6½d, greasy first lambs at 10½d, scoured fleece at 1s 2½d, scoured pieces at 11½d, scoured lambs at 1s 0½d ; AML, greasy sup. combing at 8d, 7½d, greasy first combing at 7½d, greasy second combing at 7½d, 7d, greasy broken at 7½d, greasy first lambs at 8½d, greasy second lambs at 6½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 0½d, 1s, scoured second pieces at 11d, 10½d, scoured bellies at 9d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

Business was of moderate extent in investment stocks, with some reductions from late advanced rates. Board of Works 5 per cents, 10 years, had a sale at £104 12s 6d ; 4½ per cents, 12 years, £101 5s. Bank deposit receipts had little business, but full late rates were obtainable. Holders generally took a further advance. Silverton Tramway failed to maintain the late advance, and shares were quitted at 45s, but recovered afterwards to 46s. Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus shares had only moderate support, and eased back to 12s. Mutual Store continued in request and were taken at an advanced price of 18s. Commercial Bank deposit receipts sold at 16s 3d ; ditto 10 years, 11s 3d ; English Scottish terminable debentures, 16s ; National Bank deposit receipts, 17s 6d ; Castlemaine Brewery, Melbourne, 15s 6d ; Broken Hill Water Supply, 5s to 4s 10½d ; Sydney Hydraulic, 10s 3d ; Tarrawingee Flux, 26s to 25s 9d.

Wheat is rather irregular. About 3000 bags sold at 2s 2d to 2s 2½d. Barley is more active ; small lots sold at 3s 3d to 5s 1d. Maize is slightly firmer at 1s 11d to 2s. Peas are steady at 1s 11d to 1s 11½d. Potatoes are weak. Ballarat and Gippsland 47s 6d, Western 35s to 37s 6d. Further business was done in Mauritius sugar in pockets. Business in tea includes 200 quarter-chests panyong at 6d, 100 half-chests fine padrae, and 30 chests Ceylon at 9d. Woolpacks sold at 1s 4½d. Cornsacks on the spot are firm at 4s 5d ; bran bags, 3s 1½d. Castor oil sold at 2s 3½d, duty paid. The forward market in kerosene is weaker. In metals there is a good inquiry for tinplates.

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY.

The local wheat market remains quiet, with only a small amount of business passing. Quotations remain at 2s 2d to 2s 3d gross weight on the trucks at Port Adelaide.

PRODUCE INWARD.

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

The Colac left to-day for Sydney, via Geelong, with 80 boxes soap, 79 packages tea, 49 cases 25 half-chests currants, 50 cases hops, 70 bags 960 quarter-bags flour, 1500 bags wheat, 70 bags chaff.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE PRICE OF SILVER.

LONDON, AUG. 22.

The price of bar silver has advanced ⅛d, the quotation to-day being 2s 6¼d per ounce.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY SHARES.

LONDON, AUG. 22.

Broken Hill Proprietary shares are quoted at £3 2s 6d.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.—THURSDAY.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

To-day business along Sussex-street was quiet, and prices generally were unchanged. Maize moved off slowly at full rates. Good whole samples of chickweed were quoted at 2s 10d per bushel, with fair inquiry. Other lines in the feedgrains market were quiet. Both bran and pollard were easier, and were quoted at 8½d and 7d per bushel. Lucerne on the wharfs was scarce and unchanged, while chaff was dull and unaltered. At Redfern this morning supplies of chaff were small ; the highest price realised was £3 13s 4d per ton. The quality offered was not first-class. Straw continued dull of sale, and prices were a shade easier. The potato market was firm, and quoted up to £3 per ton, but sales at that price were limited. At Redfern this morning the potato market showed slight improvement. Brownell's realised 2s 3d to 2s 4d per cwt. In dairy products eggs were firm, and still going off very well. Supplies coming forward are increasing as the spring advances. Good butter was scarce and in active demand. At the Darling Harbour wood sales to-day business was dull, and wood almost unsaleable. The quality offered was very bad.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

In the feed-grains market maize sold slowly at full rates, and buyers more inclined to operate. Other lines were quiet and unchanged, except chickwheat.

The closing quotations were :—

Maize.—Slow sale. Prime, 2s 1d per bushel.

Oats.—Steady. Best feed, 2s to 2s 1d per bushel.

Barley.—3s per bushel.

Peas.—Grey 3s 6d, and blue 3s 9d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Good whole samples, 2s 10d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Business dull at late rates, viz. :—New South Wales roller, £7 7s 6d to £7 12s 6d. Milling wheat, nominally 2s 11d.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in fair inquiry at easier prices. Bran was quoted at 8½d, and pollard 7d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Business in the forage market was quiet, and prices generally unchanged. Straw was dull of sale, and prices easier.

The closing quotations were :—

Chaff.—Quiet. Victorian prime, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d ; medium, from £3 10s. Adelaide, prime, £3 17s 6d to £4. Local, extra green, nominally £4 ; prime, £3 10s to £3 15s ; medium, from £3 5s ; inferior, from £3 per ton ; straw chaff, from £2 5s 4d per ton.

Lucerne.—Firm. Hunter River, prime, £4 ; good, £3 to £3 5s ; inferior, from £2. Railway : Prime, up to £4 ; medium from £3 to £3 10s per ton.

Straw.—Weak. Local derrick-pressed, £2 ; inferior from £1 18s 4d ; bundled, up to £1 16s 8d per ton.

Hay.—Prime scarce. Local oaten, in bundles, best, up to £3 10s per ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes had slow sale at yesterday's quotations.

Quotations.—Circular Heads, firm—prime, £2 10s to £3 ; stale samples up to £2 5s ; local, Brownells, £2 5s to £2 6s 8d per ton ; Redskins, £2 6s 8d ; other kinds from £1 15s 4d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Dull. Prime, £10 per ton.

Beeswax.—Dark, 9d ; good bright, 10d to 10½d ; choice, to 10½d per lb.

Honey.—2½d to 3d.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d ; bulk, 3½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

In dairy products business was quiet. Eggs moved off fairly well at late quotations, and prices a little higher for special brands. Other lines except bacon were in fair demand. Good butter was scarce and in active demand.

The closing quotations were :—

Butter.—Fairly active. The official quotations of the Dairy Farmers' Association are :—Creamery, 1s 0½d ; best brands of factory, 1s ; dairy, 9d to 10d. Mudgee, Berrima, and South Coast districts at 1s.

Eggs.—Firm ; 7d, special brands 7½d.

Bacon and Hams.—Dull. Hand-cured bacon, 5d ; machine-cured, 4d to 4½d ; farmers' lots, 4d ; colonial hams, machine-cured 5d to 7d, hand-cured 8d to 10d per lb.

Cheese.—Fair demand. Inferior, 2½d ; best brands of ordinary, 3d to 3½d ; small loaf, 3½d to 4d per lb.

Poultry.—Active demand. Fowls, 2s 3d to 3s 6d ; young roosters, 3s 6d ; ducks, 3s to 4s ; geese, 4s to 5s ; turkeys, cocks 7s 6d to 10s, hens 4s to 5s per pair.

WOOD SALES.

At the Darling Harbour wood sales to-day business was dull. Closing quotations were :—Foot wood, 6s 6d to 10s 6d ; bundled, 6s 6d to 9s 6d ; bakers', 5s 6d to 8s ; and billet, 6s to 8s per ton.

REDFERN SALES.

This morning at the Redfern Terminus Produce Market supplies of forage were small, and the quantity manifested showed a heavy falling-off. The decrease in the supply of forage and in the quantity manifested is owing to the wet weather which has prevailed for the past few days in the country districts. Buyers were in small attendance, and business on the whole was quiet. The potato market showed a slight improvement. Best chaff sold at from 3s 9d to 3s 6d, and medium from 3s. Straw chaff realised to 2d per cwt. There was no really prime chaff offered. Oaten hay brought 3s 6d for best and medium from 3s 3d per cwt. Lucerne sold at 3s 11d for prime and from 3s 2d per cwt. for medium quality. Both derrick-pressed and bundled straw were dull of sale. Derrick-pressed sold at 1s 11d and bundled from 1s 9d to 1s 10d per cwt., but the quality was not first-class. Seven trucks of potatoes were offered, and prices realised were a little higher than of late. Brownells sold at 2s 3d to 2s 4d, Redskins at 2s 4d, and other kinds from 1s 8d per cwt. Damaged chickwheat realised from 1s 9d to 1s 9d per bushel. A small consignment of maize sold at 2s 1d per bushel.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sales :—Chaff, 19 trucks ; potatoes, 7 ; hay, 3 ; straw, derrick-pressed 2, and bundled 4 ; chickwheat, 2 ; maize, 1 ; and lucerne, 4.

The number of trucks manifested this morning was 21, being apportioned as follows :—Chaff, 11 ; potatoes, 5 ; hay, 4 ; and straw, 1.

Among the consignees were—G. Wells and Co., Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, H. Prescott and Co., Heaton Brothers, H. M. Suttor and Co., Hill, Clark, and Co., J. A. Moore, W. Inglis and Son, and the South Coast Company.

The above supplies were disposed of as follows :—

Chaff.—From Baker, Dubbo (truck No. 1568), 3s 6d ; Miller, Cootamundra (898), 3s ; Goodacre, Woodstock (9960), 3s 2d ; Johns, Blayney (2772), passed ; Spratt, Orange (2564), 3s 9d ; Fox, Old Junee (X88), 3s 8d, and (3348), 3s 7d ; Cox, Marrar (2966), passed, and (7487), passed, (1893), 3s 6d per cwt., (4988), passed, and (435), passed.

Hay.—From Cosgrove, Baglan (1909), 3s 6d ; Bool, Yarra (2956), 3s 3d ; and Shiel, Maldom (2411), 3s 6d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From J. T. Leon, Dubbo (1987), 3s 11d, and chaff, 3s ; Chaffey, Moombie (4860), 3s 4d ; Peek, Tamworth (790), 3s 3d ; and Burgess (1061), 3s 2d per cwt.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed : From Pursglove, Bathurst (X215), 1s 11d per cwt. ; Markwell, Mudgee (3984), passed ; and Pratley, George's Plains (3688), passed). Bundled : From John, Mulldown (5763), passed ; Bullock, Blayney (4969), 1s 10d, and (1780), 1s 9d per cwt. ; and Harrison, Newbridge (447), passed.

Potatoes.—From Barbour, Goulburn (3477), 2s 3d ; M'Shane (3992), 70 bags 1s 9d ; Lansdowne (3786), 20 bags 2s 4d, 50 bags passed, (4522), 24 bags 2s 3d, 45 passed, (X368), 38 bags 2s 4d, other passed, (578), 2s 4d, and (N9598), 1s 9d per cwt.

Chickwheat.—From May and East, Temora (2859), 12 bags 1s 9d, and balance 1s 8d per bushel ; S. and T., Gundagai (3806), passed.

Maize.—From W. and Co., Mudgee (10664), 2s 1d, cracked, passed.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Business at the Bathurst-street fruit markets this morning was quiet. Buyers were in poor attendance, and holding off till the arrival of the Oonah (s.) to-morrow. Apples if anything were easier, as buyers prefer to wait until Friday. Pineapples were easier, and quoted at 5s 6d to 6s for ordinary, and Queens at 7s per case, with fair demand. The supply of local fruit was not heavy. Advices from Hobart state that the Oonah left with nearly 4400 cases of apples.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.

Fat Sheep.—36,095 sheep were penned to a small attendance of buyers, including the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, who were obliged to purchase heavily. The market opened very dull at late low rates, and remained so throughout for medium and inferior quality, but best lots of wethers and ewes sold well at late rates, prime lots especially being in good demand, particularly towards the finish. Extra prime lots of merino wethers made to 9s 6d, a few to 9s 9d ; prime, 8s to 9s ; good wethers, with fair skins, 6s 6d to 7s 6d ; medium, 5s to 5s 6d ; a lot of good crossbred wethers making 9s 8d to 10s, a few 10s 6d. Two exceptionally prime and heavy lots of merino ewes, with heavy skins, made 9s 1d and 9s 10d ; good lots to 7s 7d ; medium, 5s 6d to 6s ; inferior, from 4s. Lambs were in full supply, but in strong demand, prices being very little lower ; best lots (crossbreds) made 6s 11d to 7s 4d ; merinos, to 6s 6d ; medium, 5s to 5s 6d.

Fat Cattle.—880 cattle were yarded, the bulk being of only medium quality. There was a fair attendance of buyers, who were not anxious, and market opened rather dull. The Meat Company, however, stepped in, and purchasing freely, assisted sales considerably, prices generally remaining without material alteration on Monday's closing rates. Best yards of bullocks made to £5 ; good, £4 5s to £4 15s ; medium, £3 5s to £3 15s ; others, from 50s. Best pens of cows made to £2 17s ; medium, 44s to 50s.

We have received the following reports of the sales effected :—

Mr. J. J. Howell (for Messrs. H. M. Suttor and Co.)—1212 wethers (Chambers and Co.) at 6s 6d to 6s 8d, 251 at 5s 5d to 5s 7d.

Messrs. Henderson Brothers.—1314 ewes for J. W. Eckford at 6s 6d to 7s 1d, 126 at 5s 5d ; 2 wethers crossbred for W. J. Duff at 9s 6d, 2 at 8s, 161 at 7s 8d to 7s 10d, 675 at 6s 6d to 6s 10d, 273 at 5s 8d to 5s 11d ; 93 ewes for Chas. Campbell and Co. at 6s 2d, 1 wether at 7s 1d.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—31 bullocks for W. Stewart at £3 11s 5d, 1 bullock (cripple) at £2 5s ; 11 bullocks for Southern agents at £3 15s ; 11 bullocks for Messrs. Browne Brothers at £3 8s ; 9 bullocks for W. R. Smith at £2 17s, 1 cow at £2 7s ; 926 wethers for Messrs. Browne Brothers at 5s 9d to 6s 2d, 225 wethers (seconds) at 4s 11d, 341 ewes at 5s 3d, 163 ewes (seconds) at 4s 5d to 4s 6d ; 261 ewes for D. Allen at 5s 9d to 5s 11d, 25 ewes (seconds) at 4s 11d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—1 crossbred for D. Cameron at 10s 6d, 15 wethers at 9s 4d, 241 at 8s 5d, 2 lambs at 8s, 7 lambs (suckers) at 6s 1d, 3 at 5s 6d, 30 ewes at 7s ; 100 wethers for W. Crowley at 8s 4d to 8s 7d, 924 at 7s 10d to 8s 2d, 683 at 6s 11d ; 1328 wethers for Pickling and Rutter at 8s, 316 at 7s to 7s 5d ; 949 ewes for P. Mulcahy at 7s 7d to 7s 9d ; 212 lambs for W. M. Borthwick at 8s 11d to 6s 4d ; 39 ewe lambs for J. Small at 6s, 52 wethers at 5s 8d ; 73 ewes at 5s 7d ; 276 ewes for Martin Brothers at 5s 5d ; 108 ewes for B. S. Henry at 4s 10d to 5s 1d ; 517 wethers for Mrs. E. Hannan at 4s 4d to 5s 5d ; 10 bullocks for A. Amos at £4 15s ; 20 bullocks for Thos. K. Scott averaging £4 5s ; 15 bullocks for trustees of the late G. Campbell averaging £4 4s 3d, 6 cows at £3 1s ; 19 bullocks for trustees of Johnstons Estate averaging £4 2s 1d ; 19 bullocks for Messrs. D. and A. M'Gruer averaging £4 0s 3d, 1 bullock (injured) at £2 10s, 22 cows averaging £2 17s 6d ; 39 bullocks for Gravesend Station averaging £3 15s 6d ; 1 bullock for Henry Bailey at £6 5s, 10 bul locks at £3 11s.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—920 wethers for T. P. Fagan at 7s 5d to 7s 9d ; 27 ewes for Jas. M'Laughlin at 7s 3d, 127 at 6s 10d, 40 lambs at 7s, 285 at 6s 3d, 901 ewes for Jas. Conley at 6s 8d, 87 seconds at 5s 7d ; 265 ewes for W. M. Maxwell at 6s 10d, 36 seconds at 5s, 28 mixed at 6s 10d, 180 lambs at 6s 4d to 6s 7d, 106 seconds at 5s 10d, 40 at 5s 6d ; 40 ewes for M. S. Cocking at 7s 3d, 18 at 6s 10d, 35 lambs at 6s 3d to 6s 7d ; 49 wethers for A. E. Hunt at 6s 8d, 183 ewes at 5s 8d, 37 seconds at 5s, 21 lambs at 6s 2d ; 128 wethers for C. Hazell at 7s 2d, 22 ewes at 6s 6d, 24 lambs at 7s 4d, 130 lambs (young) at 5s 4d to 5s 6d, 17 hoggets at 6s 4d ; 6 bullocks for the Hon. R. H. Roberts, averaging £4, 2 bullocks at £3 7s.

Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—875 ewes for J. Mackay at 7s 7d to 7s 9d, 5 wethers at 8s 3d, 13 lambs at 2d ; 55 ewes for K. Ashcroft at 6s 2d, 22 hoggets at 6s 2d, 6 wethers at 7s 2d, 2 (crippled) at 5s 2d, 3 lambs at 6s ; 7 lambs for J. Ashcroft at 6s 9d, 32 at 5s 8d, 4 at 5s, 2 at 4s 9d ; 10 bullocks for Northern agents at £3 2s.

Mr. F. G. Weaver.—98 bullocks for Messrs. Cox, Dowling, and Co., at £3 5s 6d, 96 cows at £2 11s.

Messrs. Warden Harry Graves and Son.—820 wethers for C. E. Varcoe at 9s 6d to 9s 9d, 89 (seconds) at 8s 6d ; 2150 wethers for James Peacock at 8s 4d, 340 (seconds) at 7s 5d ; 797 wethers for Western agents at 7s 6d to 8s 4d, 65 (seconds) at 7s ; 650 wethers for Frank Johns at 7s 11d to 8s, 143 (seconds) at 7s 6d, 49 ewes at 7s 6d ; 514 wethers for J. B. Peacock at 7s 7d to 7s 9d, 90 (seconds) at 6s 4d to 6s 6d, 11 crossbreds at 9s 1d ; 170 wethers for B. Waters at 8s 10d to 8s 11d ; 852 wethers for Arthur Colless at 6s 7d, 171 (seconds) at 5s 10d ; 96 wethers for Southern agents at 5s 5d ; 24 lamb stags for E. G. Ashcroft at 5s, 92 lambs at 4s 9d, 1 (lame) at 4s 3d.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Lavender.—14 wethers for Ryder Brothers at 9s 9d, 1566 ewes at 9s 1d to 9s 6d ; 647 ewes for R. H Firth at 9s 10d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—446 wethers for F. Todhunter at 9s 1d, 35 (stained fleeces) at 8s 4d to 8s 5d ; 101 wethers for Hourigan and Sons at 8s 3d to 8s 7d, 320 ewes at 8s 3d to 8s 5d ; 961 wethers for J. H. Huggins and Co. at 7s 9d, 129 at 6s 9d ; 38 wethers for H. C. White and Cobb at 8s 4d, 154 at 7s 7d to 7s 8d, 4 (lame) at 5s 11d ; 1 crossbred ewe for Dangar Brothers at 9s 2d, 920 ewes at 6s 10d ; 1540 ewes for Walhallow Estate at 6s 6d to 6s 9d ; 277 wethers for N. A. Gatenby and Co. at 7s 2d to 7s 9d, 100 ewes at 4s 11d to 5s, 2 wethers (culls) at 5s 2d ; 1 wether for G. A. M'Gregor at 10s 6d, 172 wethers at 7s 3d to 7s 4d, 236 at 5s 11d, 60 at 5s 8d to 5s 9d, 214 ewes at 5s 10d to 6s ; 30 wethers for J. M'Gregor at 6s 11d, 11 ewes at 5s 9d ; 225 wethers for W. J. Nisbet at 6s to 6s 1d, 2 ewes at 5s 6d ; 448 wethers for G. Rodgers at 5s 11d ; 323 wethers for Weakley Brothers at 5s 11d to 6s, 56 at 5s 9d ; 30 lambs for A. J. Nisbet at 5s 9d ; 3 bullocks for J. Mayo, jun., averaging £6 14s 2d ; 30 bullocks for H. Munro averaging £4 14s 5d ; 36 bullocks for Walhallow Estate averaging £4 13s ; 20 bullocks for H. Carr averaging £4 11s 6d ; 18 bullocks for G. and C. Binnie averaging £4 8s 3d ; 46 bullocks for J. Lynch averaging £3 19s 6d ; 18 bullocks for T. Hogan averaging £3 15s 1d ; 30 bullocks for T. Dugan averaging £3 8s 4d ; 4 bullocks for N. agents averaging £3 7s 3d ; 15 bullocks for J. Mayo, jun., averaging £3 4s 6d ; 7 cows for S. agents.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—11 bullocks for John Dixon at £3 2s ; 5 top crossbred wethers for R. G. Higgins at 13s 6d, 361 crossbred wethers at 9s 8d to 10s ; 52 (seconds) at 9s 9d, 25 wethers at 9s 1d ; 558 ewes for Thos. Chapman at 7s 7d to 7s 9d, 102 at 6s 4d to 8s 9d, 143 lambs at 6s 11d to 7s 2d, 70 at 6s 9d, 9 crossbred lambs at 6s 6d ; 91 top ewes for Hunt Brothers at 7s, 255 ewes at 6s 1d to 6s 6d, 36 ewes (culls), at 5s 6d, 10 lambs at 6s 2d, 3 lambs (small) at 6s ; 91 lambs for T. J. Fawcett at 6s 7d to 6s 9d, 55 young lambs at 6s 6d, 31 hoggets at 6s 9d, 23 lambs at 5s, 1 stag at 8s, 3 wethers at 8s, 11 ewes at 5s 6d, 2 lambs for A. J. Ashcroft at 6s 7d, 42 ewes at 6s 7d, 1 stag at 7s 9d, 4 hoggets at 6s 4d, 27 lambs at 5s 6d, 22 lambs (stags) at 5s 3d, 2 lambs (lame) at 4s 1d ; 341 ewes for Southern agents at 5s 8d to 5s 11d.

PROPERTY SALES.

Messrs. Pile and Allum report having sold by public auction, at their rooms, Moore-street, a block of land situate in the town of Wollongong, 264ft. frontage to Harbour-street, for the sum of £320.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Dalgety and Company, Limited, will hold their opening wool sale for the present season at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, on Thursday, 20th September, when a catalogue of about 3000 bales will be offered. Further particulars as to the marks to be included will be published early in September.—[ADVT.]

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses.

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HILL, CLARK, AND CO.—At their Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c. ; at 2.30, Tallow.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, AND CO.—At their Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c. ; at 2.30, Tallow ; at 11.30, Sheepskins.

HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN.—At their Stores, Hides, Tallow, Sheepskins.

J. BRIDGE AND CO.—At their Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c. ; at 2.30, Tallow.

N.Z. LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO.—At their Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c. ; at 2.30, Tallow ; at Wool Exchange, at 11.30, Sheepskins.

THE AUSTRALASIAN MORTGAGE AND AGENCY CO.—At Wool Exchange, at 11.30, Sheepskins.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

G. KISS.—At Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, &c.

W. INGLIS AND SON.—At Bazaar, at 10.30 and 12, Horses, &c. ; at Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

T. PHILLIPS.—At Erskineville-road, Newtown, at 11, Buggy, Horses, Harness, Van, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS AND SON.—At Railway Yards, at 12, Calves, Pigs, &c. ; at 2, Poultry, &c. ; at 2.30, Dairy Produce.

ELLIS AND CO.—At their Yards, at 1, Calves, Pigs, &c. ; at 1.30, Butter, &c. ; at 2.30, Poultry, Pigeons, &c.

S. PROCTER.—At his Mart, at 1, Pigs, Poultry, &c. ; at 4, Butter, &c.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 3, Poultry, &c.

HOSKINS AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 8.30, Rabbits and Hares ; at 1, Pigs, Calves, &c. ; at 2, Poultry, Game, Butter, Bacon, Eggs, &c.

COUNTRY-KILLED MEAT.

H. M'NAMARA.—At Hay-street, at 12, Beef, Mutton, &c.

F. W. AND P. HUDSON.—At Government Meat Market, Ultimo, Beef, Mutton, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. PROCTER.—At Newtown, at 7, Wood, &c. ; at Darling Harbour, at 9, Wood, &c.

BARNARD AND CO.—At Thirlmere Railway Station, at 12.30, Engine, Boiler, Saw Benches, &c.

L. ISRAEL AND CO.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Rock Lilies, Ferns, Pot Plants, &c.

T. PHILLIPS.—At Erskineville-road, Newtown, at 11, Corrugated Iron Shed, Timber, &c.

What constitutes a good talker ? According to Lady Jeune in the *English Illustrated* a few qualities stand out as being pre-eminently necessary :—1. A soft voice. 2. General knowledge. 3. A power of sympathy. 4. Local experience and adaptability. " A soft voice and a low laugh are indispensable gifts for a good talker, being the signs of breeding and education, which at once attract listeners and dispose them to be sympathetic and interested, when they might otherwise be indifferent. A harsh loud voice often prejudices people against the speaker."

A SECRET.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Little business was done in the mining market yesterday, but quotations showed a little improvement. At noon Central Broken Hill shares were sold at 8s 11d, and the closing quotations were 8s 6d buyer, 8s 9d seller. B. H. Proprietary shares were quoted at 60s 6d buyer, 61s 3d seller.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The latest quotations were :—

	Buyer.	Seller.		Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.			Block 10	10/9	12/6
Hetton	47/	52/	Block 14	5 6	—
Stockton	5/1	6/	Central	8/6	8/9
Ditto, new	1d	1/	Hero	3d	5d
Vale of Clwydd	3/9	—	GOLD.		
Wallsend	17½	—	Baker's Creek	23/6	23/9
Wickham and Bul. Island	9/	10/3	Bayley's Rwd. No. 1 South	29	—
Ditto, new	2/	—	Grand Duke	3/6	4/
Ditto, pref.	17/	—	Kangaroo	2/	3/
COPPER.			Mount Allen	—	3/
Great Cobar	1/11	—	Ditto, contrib.	1/6	2/
SILVER.			Mount Gahan	—	2/
British	4/	—	Sunlight	6/10	8/
Broken Hill	60/6	61/3	United Coolgardie	—	9½

The following sale was reported :—Noon : Central, 8s 11d.

The engineer of Broken Hill Water Supply Limited, telegraphs :—106 points of rain at Stephen's Creek. Creeks running, dam rising.

MINING IN THE GUNDAGAI DISTRICT.

Mr. Slee, Chief Inspector of Mines, has forwarded to the Under-Secretary for Mines a report on mining in the Gundagai district. It states that the chrome industry is employing a large number of persons, and it is thought that as soon as the wet season is over and the roads become passable, scores of persons will find profitable employment. From Owen's chrome mine 140 tons were despatched, of which the result of 108 tons has been received, averaging 57 per cent. There are other mines, such as Quilter's and others, in the serpentine formation which in the aggregate could put out an almost unlimited supply. The gold industry of the Gundagai district is also reviving, several parties now obtaining gold on Jones's Creek, under agreement with the owners of land, in accordance with the provisions of the Mining on Private Lands Act. No other district is perhaps more affected by the said Act than Gundagai. Jones's Creek alone is several miles in length, and there is but little doubt that a payable, though perhaps somewhat patchy, lead exists from one end of the valley to the other, which, if free access could be had, would profitably employ hundreds of persons. Nearly all the land in the valley through which Jones's Creek flows had been selected before any goldfield was proclaimed, hence miners could not enter the land unless with permission from the owner, and then only conditionally that the owner obtained a permit from the Government. Now, however, the owners have become more reasonable, and the consequence is that in two or three different places payable gold has been discovered, and is likely to be worked beneficially for all parties concerned. A large area of land has been and is still under cultivation, but the owners may perhaps discover that by opening up the land on suitable terms it would be more beneficial to them than growing produce at the present low prices. Prospecting operations are still carried on at Mount Parnassus and Brummy's Hill, and some of the old quartz mines such as the Emu Reef are again to be tested at a greater depth. At Coolac and Muttama (more especially at the latter place, where a local crushing machine is worked by Mr. Henry Bailiff) several quartz claims are at work, apparently yielding sufficient for a living to those who work them.

ALLUVIAL MINING AT COBBORAH.

The Department of Mines has received from Mr. J. B. Jaquet, geological surveyor, a report on the recently discovered alluvial goldfield about nine miles south-east of Cobborah, parish of Tuckland, county of Lincoln. The site of the discovery is close to the point where the silurian slates crop up from under the coal measures. The gold-bearing drifts are superimposed upon the former rocks. The drifts have a thickness of from 10ft. to 40ft. They consist of clay, with subangular slate and quartz pebbles, while many waterworn quartz boulders occur in places. Practically the whole of the gold occurs in the immediate vicinity of the " bottom." It is very patchy as regards its mode of occurrence, and no defined lead has been encountered. Most of the gold which has been won is coarse and waterworn. Mr. Jaquet states that he was shown one nugget—the largest yet won upon the field—which scaled 15dwt. Only one or two men have in the past made wages upon the field ; but a considerable number have obtained enough gold to keep themselves in food. In the neighbourhood of the present workings large areas of drifts occur which are likely to contain gold, and which have never been prospected. The Government Geologist in a minute says that, judging from the report, it is probable that the gold-bearing quartz-pebble drift is of pliocene age, and that the locality is worthy of more extended prospecting.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

CARCOAR, THURSDAY.

It is reported that from the Lady Burdett-Coutts gold mine, Canowindra, 30 tons of stone have been crushed, which yielded 4oz. 7dwt. of gold to the ton. The United Jackets Company, Belmore, has obtained another month's suspension of labour conditions. The Brown's Creek Gold-mining Company, Brown's Creek, near Carcoar, having been registered in London with a capital of £100,000, it is contemplated working the property on a large scale. The new company bears a French name—Compagnie des Mines d'Or. Specimen Hill, Binnie Creek, has been leased to a company of Cowra and Sydney speculators, who are now working sinking for the reef which experts appear confident exists there. Mr. S. M'Innes's property, it is said, is also to be worked by a company being formed in Cowra. At Trunkey a fresh tunnel is being put into the hill in front of the township, and is now in about 40ft. Mr. Clubb is busy erecting machinery at Scabben Flat, but it will be some time before they are in full swing. The Mount Gray dispute was finally settled last week. Work is to be commenced immediately, which will be a great benefit to miners and others. A number of fossickers appear to be making an existence. At Galley Swamp it is reported that from all the claims on the various lines of reef excellent stone is being raised. Smith and party, on the new line of reef westward of the Homeward Bound Gold-mining Company, are having stone crushed at the Homeward Bound battery, which is anticipated will realise 3oz. of gold to the ton.

BLAYNEY, THURSDAY.

Seymour's two prospecting areas 600ft. square, on M'Phillamy's and Simmons's freeholds respectively, were appraised for surface damage yesterday by Warden Connolly at 40s and 50s respectively. Glowing reports are arriving from Flyer's Creek.

BURRAGA, THURSDAY.

The first crushing of eight tons of stone at Crozier's newly-discovered reef at Swallow's Nest, nine miles from Burraga, returned the handsome average of 6oz. 5dwt. to the ton. It is considered richer than this, as the machinery is very old, and a large quantity of gold must have escaped during the treatment.

TEMORA, THURSDAY.

The result of the crushing from Loder and party's claim at Reefton is at the rate of 8oz. retorted gold to the ton for 10 tons not picked, but taken straight from the reef. It has caused great excitement. The claim is situated a quarter of a mile south of the main camp. The stone was taken from a depth of about 40ft., but payable gold is distributed from the surface. It is seamy grey quartz, lightly mineralised. The reef is verticle, and is a continuation apparently of the same one from which Paice and party last week crushed 20 tons for 40oz. The reef runs through Loder's eight men's ground for 400ft. Garlick's claim, 400ft. south of Loder's, only returned 1oz. to the ton, but are raising 2oz. stone now. Adjoining Loder's to the north is Paice's, above referred to. In order to test the value of the Temora crusher they have sent 6 tons to Sydney, and daily expect the result. This claim anticipates turning out 100 tons in about a month's time and have 15 tons at grass now. Ely and party's claim is on the northern boundary of Paice's. The character of the deposit is changing from solid stone to rubble, which can be got out with pick and shovel. Twenty tons of this are now going through the Temora battery, and by the look of the plates will top 2oz. to the ton. The country round Loder's is taken up four or five claims deep north and south. The character of the country is soft slate, easily worked, with ironbark ridges. Expert opinion is that the character of the stone will improve at 100ft., and below water is met at from 150ft. to 170ft.

ALBURY, THURSDAY.

A report from Mount Elliott states that at Walton's Bread and Sugar Claim the tunnel is in over 100ft., and have at grass 25 tons, which is expected to come up to previous crushings. Mackenzie struck a promising-looking reef in the shaft. Further north is the Golden Belt, owned by Stander, who has let a contract to sink the shaft a further depth of 25ft. Still north is the claim of Meurant, who is sinking on a well-defined lode, and is raising high-grade stone. The next claim north is Carkeeke's. The tunnel is in 90ft. on a reef 2ft. wide carrying gold. Frank Post, who owns the claim further north, is raising good stone, valuable specimens being obtainable.

GYMPIE, THURSDAY.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports :—Smithfield No. 1 North crushed 181 tons, yielding 633oz. gold in a cake. Sales : Columbia Smithfield, 4s 3d to 4s 6d ; Crown and Phœnix, 2s 4d and 2s 5d ; Eastern Orient, 3s 8d ; New Zealand No. 1 North, 12s 2d ; Phœnix No. 2 North, 1s 9d ; Phœnix No. 4 North, 5s 7d ; Smithfield No. 1 North, 15s 2d ; Wilmot, contributing, 3s 2d to 3s 6d ; Eastern No. 1 North, 1s ; Eastern No. 2 North, 19d. To-night's quotations :—Phœnix No. 1 South, seller 13s, buyer 12s 6d ; Smithfield Pile, seller 2s 3d, buyer 2s 2d.

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

There was a very firm market for silver companies, and for several good advances were realised. The principal sales were—Central Broken, 8s 1½d to 8s 10½d, Junction, 2s 6d to 3s ; South, 4s 3d to 4s 4d ; Block 10, 11s 1½d to 11s 9d ; Broken Hill Proprietary, 60s to 61s ; Comet (Tas.) had a strong recovery on yesterday's fall, selling at 2s 3d to 3s 6d ; Mount Lyell had sales at 23s to 23s 3d, and of a small lot at 23s 6d. The market for Western Australian gold companies continues inactive ; the only sales reported were :—Bayley's Reward, 16s 6d to 16s 7½d ; Bayley's Consols, 3s 9d to 3s 10½d ; Crœsus, 6s 3d. Business in Victorian gold companies was also of limited extent. Good further advances were realised for Madame Berry and for Mariners, the former selling at £5 10s, and the latter rising to 105s buyer, without leading to business. Great Northern Extended quitted at a considerable reduction, selling at 60s to 62s, but recovering afterwards to 63s buyer. Other principal sales were—Midas Consols, 3s 5d to 3s 6d ; North Prentice, 16s ; Great Southern, 44s to 43s ; Sadowa, 3s 11d ; Great South Long Tunnel, 8s 10d to 8s 6d ; United Brothers, 44s ; Chalk's Freehold, 9s 4½d to 9s 6d ; North Duke, 12s 6d ; Russell's Reef, 2s 7d ; Princess Dagmar (a small lot), 10s.

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY.

Owing to a further rise in the price of silver in London, Broken Hill stocks were all in demand at improved prices to-day. In the Share market a heavy business took place, while Western Australian gold stocks had a good inquiry, in several instances at advanced rates. Sales included Proprietary, 61s 6d to 60s 6d ; Block 10, 11s 10½d to 11s 9d ; Block 14, 5s 7d, 5s 11d, 5s 10d ; British, old, 4s 11d, 5s 4d, 5s 1½d ; new, 2s 10d ; Central, 8s 9d, 8s 10d, 8s 8d ; Junction, 2s 9d to 3s 4d ; South, paid, 4s 2d, 4s 10d, 4s 9d ; Baker's Creek, 23s 6d ; Bayley's Reward, 16s 3d ; Cosgrove, 5s 5d, 5s 4d, 5s 5d ; Crœsus, 6s 3d ; Ivanhoe, 7s 5d, 7s 4d, 7s 9d ; Lake, new, 4s 3d to 4s 4½d ; Tindal's, paid, 6s 6d, contributing, 5s ; Victory United, 5s 1d to 5s 2d ; Golden Bar, 8s 5d to 8s 6d.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Jesson and Hadfield Prospecting and Mining Company, August 5.—Burbank's Birthday Gift—No. 1 shaft : Squared and timbered to 83ft. Sinking is very hard, and therefore progress slow. No. 2 shaft : The north and south drives at the 45ft. level continue to look well. The north drive is in 40ft., and the south 30ft. The reef in both is about 14in., the stone showing gold freely. Melbourne lease, No. 792 : Started work on 1st instant with four men. Logged and timbered shaft, erected windlass, and sank 7ft. 30ft. east of the reef, as the underlies considerably that way. Leases No. 795 : No. 1 shaft sunk to a depth of 73ft. The reef is 4ft. wide, showing fine gold.

Ironclad Gold-mining Company, August 21.—No change in either shaft ; stone looking equally as well as last report.

Crown Bayley's Reward Gold-mining Syndicate, August 10.—Work is progressing satisfactorily in No. 3 shaft. Most of this week has been occupied in drawing timber and logging up the face preparatory to commencing sinking. This shaft is situated close to the w. peg of Block 14 ; the leader is running due north and south, and has a strong underlie to the east, on which the shaft is being sunk. The stone is gradually widening out, and carries good gold all the way down. So far the ground is easily worked.

Fortune of War Gold-mining Company, week ended 18th.—Shaft sunk 3ft., water increasing. Will start crushing within fortnight.

New Brilliant Extended Gold-mining Company, August 11.—Commenced opening out on Monday, the 30th July, at a depth of 140ft. on the vein that we went through while sinking, and have driven 10ft. from the shaft. There is about 5in. of stone of fair quality showing gold. The formation is now opening out, and is quite 3ft., and seems to be still widening, with a considerable improvement in the ground. We have now the rockdrill at work in this level.

Blue Bell Gold-mining Company, Dead Finish, Murchison, W.A., August 22.—Raising 7 to 8 oz. stone, north drive.

Block 10 Mine, 18th August.—Campbell's shaft sunk 6½ft., present depth 1180½ft. Lode now shows an underlay towards west of about 5°, hanging wall being now flat with western end of shaft. Assays for week give 17½ per cent. lead, 19oz. silver, and 30 per cent. zinc. Water has again been tapped in bottom, making shaft comparatively dry overhead. The several parties of tributers are raising small quantities of high grade ore. Extension of concentrating plant. I have to report whole of work in an advanced state, and hope to have the plant going in the course of a week.

RANDWICK AND CRICKET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—At the monthly meeting of the N.S.W.C.A. on Monday evening last, an application from Randwick to send a team to compete in the electoral competition during the approaching season was received, and, without taxing the consideration of the meeting to a very serious extent, rejected. The application was undoubtedly late, and it was felt that the entry of a new team would interfere with the programme of matches already drafted and published. The exclusion of the Zingari Club, however, and the consequent necessity for a total re-arrangement of fixtures, should remove that objection, and it is more than probable that the application would have met with a better fate had it been dealt with subsequent, and not prior, to the Zingari discussion. The absence of a suitable ground for playing these matches was urged against the request, but, I would ask, how can Randwick be differently treated from Paddington and South Sydney in this respect ? The proximity of the Association Ground forms a sort of ægis to these two divisions, but it is worth noting that the A.C.G. is actually within the present electorate of Randwick, and there does not appear to be a cogent argument against an equal participation by the suburb in question in whatever shelter such proximity may afford. As the sub-committee have formed a definite boundary from which the Paddington players may be drawn—the idea being, I take it, to centralise the interest without adhering strictly to electoral limits—the present residential complications might be removed if the same action were taken with regard to Waverley and Randwick. Some of the local enthusiasts will supplement, I hope, by prompt action, what I suggest solely with a desire to see a sport-loving community like Randwick (witness the success and strong following of their football club) represented in these contests. In the number and ability of its exponents of the king of all games, it is superior to several other of the contesting localities.

I am, &c.,

August 23. A. C. K. MACKENZIE.

HOME OF PEACE FOR THE DYING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There is no doubt that Mrs. Gifford Moore's kindly letter of to-day is the outcome of her experience in her good work of hospital visiting, and she has truly struck the key note of the greatest want of our colony, that of a hospital for incurables. At the present time the Goodlet Home for phthisis patients is the only one in existence, yet we have innumerable cases of cancer and other incurable diseases in our midst, where people are slowly dying, lingering on month after month and year after year, without a suitable institution to ease, comfort, and gently help them in passing from this life to the next. As Mrs. Moore truly says, the Newington and Parramatta institutions do not meet the case, and since we read of the proposed additional expenditure by the Government of £150,000 upon further accommodation for the insane, surely in this great cause for other helpless ones something might be spared without in any way doing an injustice to the insane, when £20,000 would prove sufficient to provide full accommodation for the present and near future. One cannot help thinking that that amount by economy could be readily spared from so vast a sum as £150,000. If not, then in some such modest plan as suggested by Mrs. Moore, I feel certain the generous public of all classes would, if appealed to, respond liberally, and New South Wales would embark on a noble work in practical Christianity, in which all might join hands and help the helpless in their great affliction. So often we blame the rich for being uncharitable, when in most instances lack of knowledge of such a requirement alone prevents them coming forward in the open-handed way so common in the colonies.

I am, &c.,

August 23. FRED. J. EMPSON.

The Bishop of Sydney is setting an excellent example to other colonial bishops (remarks the *Pall Mall Gazette* of 6th July). He has been in England only a few weeks, and he is already talking of returning to his diocese. As a rule, a colonial bishop seldom thinks of going back to his flock under six months.

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Funerals.

THE RELATIVES and FRIENDS of the late Mrs. JEMIMA M. COLLIS are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will move from her late residence, Beulah, Collins-street, Annandale, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at a quarter to 9 o'clock punctually, for Petersham station, and thence to Rookwood Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES COLE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 65 Charles-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern-street, Redfern.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. W. STANTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, J. Cole; to move from his late residence, 65 Charles-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. F. HORN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, J. Cole; to move from his late residence, 65 Charles-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of LEWIS J. COLE and SARAH ELLEN COLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, J. Cole; to move from his late residence, 65 Charles-street, Leichhardt, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.

THE FRIENDS of the deceased Mrs. BEATRICE MAY PAGE are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her residence, 198 Underwood-street, Paddington, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter before 3 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 88 Hunter-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. REUBEN EDWARD PAGE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved WIFE, Beatrice May; to move from his residence, 198 Underwood-street, Paddington, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter before 3 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON.

THE FRIENDS of the deceased Mrs. MARY ANN LEWIS are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to move from Cliffside, Watson's Bay, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for South Head Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 88 Hunter-st.; and Ocean-st., Double Bay, oppo. Post-office.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. SIDNEY MATTHEWS are invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Clifton, 46 Gordon-street, Paddington, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, Oxford-street.

Meetings.

MEETING, South Sydney Electorate C.C., To-night, 8 p.m., Mackay's, Crown and Gipps sts.

ANNUAL Meeting of Randwick Borough C.C., Town Hall, Rdwk., 8, This Evg. J. Conway, hon. sec.

FLINDERS L.E.L.—Special Meeting to-night, Aus. Asso. R'ms, 209 Oxford-st., 8. J. P. Buckley, h. s.

THE HERO FREEHOLD SILVER AND GOLD MINING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special General MEETING of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Company's Office, 7 Hamilton-chambers, Hamilton-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, the 7th day of September, 1894, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the resolutions following, viz.:—

1. That a Reconstruction of the Company is desirable, and that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Thomas Gillespie be and is hereby appointed the Liquidator thereof, at such remuneration as may be determined upon.
2. And that the Liquidator of the Company be, and he is, hereby authorised to consent to the registration of a New Company, to be named the New Hero Freehold Silver and Gold Mining Company, Limited, with the memorandum and Articles of Association which have already been prepared, with the privity and approval of the Directors of this Company.
3. That the said Liquidator be, and he is, hereby authorised, pursuant to Section 212 of the Companies Act, to enter into an agreement with such New Company, when incorporated, in terms of a draft agreement submitted to this meeting, and expressed to be made between the abovenamed Company and the said Liquidator of the one part, and the New Hero Freehold Silver and Gold Mining Company, Limited, of the other part, and to carry the same into effect, with such, if any, modifications as they may think expedient, and that the said draft agreement be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Any member desiring to move any resolution (other than those set out above) at the special general meeting abovementioned must give not less than nine days' previous notice of his intention so to do by leaving at the office of the Company a copy of the proposed resolution addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Directors in accordance with Clause 2 of the Company's Amended Articles of the 17th November, 1891.

And Notice is hereby further given that in the event of the above resolutions being passed by the requisite majority, with or without alteration or addition, a Special General MEETING of the Hero Freehold Silver and Gold Mining Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, 7 Hamilton-chambers, Hamilton-street, Sydney, on the twenty-fourth day of September, 1894, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the resolutions so passed will be submitted for confirmation.

Dated the 23rd day of August, 1894.
By order of the Board.
THOS. GILLESPIE, Secretary.

Medical, Chemicals, &c.

DR. WARNER'S FAMILY PILLS for Liver Complaint.
Dr. WARNER'S FAMILY PILLS for Indigestion and Dyspepsia.
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Sold in all parts of the world by medicine dealers, in boxes at 1s, 2s, and 4s each. Sent by post, for postage stamps to the above value, by SOUL and CO., Pitt-street, Sydney, or any other live medicine dealer in the world.

ITALIAN FRUIT POWDER, a delicate effervescing drink, slightly aperient, produced from the Citron and Lemon families, grown in the South of Italy. It is the acme of perfection in comparison with the hitherto products of the "Saline" and "Fruit Salt" manufactures. Price, 2s per bottle. Wholesale and Retail at WASHINGTON H. SOUL and CO.'S, and all Chemists.

THE GREATEST BEAUTIFIER OF THE SKIN.—"The Alabaster Cream of Beauty," for imparting a permanent whiteness to the Face, Neck, and Arms, removing Sunburn and Freckle Spots, and restoring the skin to its youthful brilliancy with a pearl-like tint. It can be used with safety upon the most lovely infant and beautiful Court Lady. Sold everywhere, and for the proprietors, by WASHINGTON H. SOUL. Price 2s 4d by post if not obtainable in any township.

CASCARA—HAWLEY. Tasteless Laxative.

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SAVARESSE'S SANDAL CAPSULES. Pure.

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SAVARESSE'S COPAIBA CAPSULES. Efficacious from the purity of the Oil and free from the objections to all gelatine capsules. Full Directions. All Chemists.

ABRAHAM'S PILLS.
THE GREAT LIVER REMEDY,
warranted not to contain a single particle of mercury or any other mineral substance; CULLED SOLELY FROM DAME NATURE'S GARDEN.

The extraordinary success of my Pills has induced dangerous and dishonest imitations; it is, therefore, necessary to ask for
ABRAHAM'S PILLS.
Prepared at the Laboratory, 434 George-street, Sydney. Sold Everywhere at 1s, 2s, and 5s.

Machinery.

AT SYDNEY ENGINEERING WORKS, HAY-STREET (late Morris Bros.).
FOR IMMEDIATE SALE. INSPECTION INVITED. ENGINEERS' TOOLS, FOUNDRY PLANT, LARGE STOCK OF NEW COLONIAL-TYPE BOILERS, GENERAL MACHINERY, &c., &c., NOW STORED AS ABOVE.
PRICES AND ALL PARTICULARS FROM R. G. WATKINS and CO., MACHINERY and METAL MERCHANTS, 107 KENT-STREET, SYDNEY.

WANTED to Buy a second-hand Iron ROLLER, 2ft. wide, good condition. G. H. H., Herald Office.

WANTED, a Special Steam PUMP, brass-lined, brass rod and plunger, to deliver 5000 gallons per hour, low lift. Apply A., Post-office, Haymarket.

Wanted to Purchase.

MR. and Mrs. WOOLF, Wardrobe Purchasers to any amount, are still giving the Highest Cash Price for every description of Left-off Clothing, Portmanteaus, Old Gold and Silver. Old Artificial Teeth Bought. Letters punctually attended to by Mr or Mrs. WOOLF, 124 Bathurst-street, city.

A BONA-FIDE ANNOUNCEMENT.—Mr. and Miss MITCHELL, 145 Bathurst-street, Old-Established Wardrobe Purchasers to any amount, still give the Extreme Value for every description of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Left-off Clothing, Portmanteaus, &c. Old Gold, Artificial Teeth Bought. Letters promptly attended to.

MR. PHILLIPS, 482 Elizabeth-st., gives 100 p. c. more than other dealers for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cast-off CLOTHING. Letters attended. Also, MONEY LENT on jewellery and all kinds of portable property.

MRS. MILLARD gives Highest Price Ladies wishing to dispose of Left-off Clothing. 181 Bathurst-st.

MRS. SORENSEN, 114 Bathurst-st., still gives highest price for ladies' and gentn.'s Left-off Clothing.

LEFT-OFF Clothing wanted to buy, highest price given. T. Wiley, 332 Elizabeth-st. Letters attended.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, Boots, Jewellery, Sundries, Bought. Mr. or Mrs. Gubbins, 69 George-st. W.

ANY old Lumber, Clothing, Furniture, Sundries, big cash prices given. Dix, 6 Elizabeth-st., Redfern.

A GOOD second-hand TENNIS SET. Sports, Herald Office.

COUNTER, with drawers, enclosed cedar Dresser, l'ge Pier Glass, no deal. 109 Quarry-st., Harris-st., Ult.

Auction Sales.

VERY SUPERIOR VAN TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, at the risk of the former purchaser, Bay gelding, subject to any trial; splendid delivery van and harness.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
THIS DAY, at half-past 10 sharp.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, the following:—
At half-past 10 o'clock,
Vans, springcarts, horses, and harness
Draught horses, tipdrays, and harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Superior draught mares and geldings
Well-bred saddle and harness horses
Van, 'bus, and saddle horses. Telephone, 1881.

HANDSOME PONY COB.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Very handsome bay pony, remarkably strong, and very superior in quality, broken to saddle and harness.

HIGH-CLASS SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. C. Wood, Newcastle, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar,
Handsome brown colt, 4 years, by Roscoe (imp.), broken to saddle and harness, has splendid action and very fast.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from SOUTHERN AGENTS to sell by auction, at the CAMPERDOWN YARDS, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.,
20 superior horses, comprising draught and light harness and saddle horses, broken and unbroken, trucked at Cootamundra.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

INGLIS'S RAILWAY SALEYARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET. ON FRIDAYS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Friday.
At 12 o'clock sharp,
Calves, pigs, lambs, suckers
150 first-class dead pigs, corn fed, per rail.
At 2 o'clock sharp,
150 coops poultry—turkeys, geese, ducks, fowls, &c.
At half-past 2 o'clock sharp,
200 boxes first-class roll butter, from Southern districts
75 kegs butter, including Myrtleville Factory, Oakville Creamery, and other first-class Southern brands
200 cases fresh eggs
Superior corn-fed bacon, cheese, lard, honey, &c., &c.

TURKEYS. TURKEYS. TURKEYS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, THIS DAY, Friday, August 24, at 2 o'clock,
100 very prime heavy fat bronzewing turkeys, from Queanbeyan.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
All lots not specially advertised.
And at 12 o'clock,
All lots specially advertised.
Regular Sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown or elsewhere any afternoon.
LIVERY.—In this department charges moderate and best of forage.

10 WELL-KNOWN HARNESS HORSES.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from The Fresh Food and Ice Company to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
10 horses, well known about town, thoroughly staunch, and in good hard condition. All without reserve.

HEAVY DRAUGHT STALLION.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. D. Manson, Albion Park, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
VICTOR, dap. br. draught stallion, rising 3 years (bred by the owner), by Clyde, dam Katie (imp.), never been beaten in a show ring. No reserve.

THOROUGHBRED HORSE, ROVER.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. G. Cochrane, Wollongong, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
ROVER, chestnut gelding, pedigree at sale. To be sold without reserve.

VILLAGE CART.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
A neat village cart, nearly new.

TO BUTCHERS, GROCERS, AND OTHERS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
An active grey mare, staunch, and quiet in harness, used to tram; also, butcher's cart and harness, in perfect order.

GEORGE KISS will sell THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, Br. Leghorns, Orpingtons, Dk. Brahmas.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB MEETING.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Tattersall's Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, MONDAY, the 27th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right to the entrance-gates and St. Leger Reserve for above meeting, to be held at Randwick on September 1st next.

WANTED, 6 active Draught HORSES, young and staunch. George Kiss, Pitt-st.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, AT THEIR SYDNEY PRODUCE SALEYARDS, AT THE REAR OF 791 GEORGE-STREET SOUTH, ENTRANCE VALENTINE-LANE, THIS DAY,
at 1 o'clock,
Fat calves, lambs, pigs, suckers, carcase pork and veal.
At half-past 1 o'clock,
The usual weekly supply of choice brands of factory, creamery, and dairy roll and keg butter, cheese, bacon, eggs, honey, lard, fruit, &c., &c.
10cwt. pure extracted honey (very prime), ex rail.
At half-past 2 o'clock,
A large quantity of poultry, including ducks, geese, turkeys, fowls, pigeons, birds, hares, &c.,
4 live scrub wallabies, from Mudgee
3 emu eggs.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and CO., Limited, Hides, 9.30; tallow, 2.30; sheepskins, 11.30.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell at usual hour To-day, Hides, tallow, skins.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

HILL, CLARK, and CO. will sell by auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Friday, at half-past 9 o'clock sharp,
Hides, yearlings, &c.
At half-past 2 o'clock, Tallow.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, Limited, will sell by public auction, at their Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY,
At 9.30, hides.
At 2.30, tallow.

SHEEPSKINS.

NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY, Limited, will sell by public auction, at the Wool Exchange, THIS DAY, at 11.30, Sheepskins.

THE AUSTRALASIAN MORTGAGE and AGENCY COMPANY, Limited, will sell by public auction, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place,
THIS DAY,
at 11.30 a.m.,
SHEEPSKINS.

On view at the Australasian Wool Stores, Windmill-street, from 8 o'clock in the morning.

TENTERFIELD CHILLED MEAT.

F. W. and P. HUDSON will sell, THIS DAY, at Government Meat Market, Ultimo,
70 bodies prime chilled beef
400 carcasses mutton
Pigs, lambs, &c.

METROPOLITAN Meat Market, Hay-st.—Auction Sale This Day, at 12 o'clock. Beef, mutton, pigs.

SEAFORTH PROCTER will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at Newtown Railway Station, at 7 o'clock, Wood. At Darling Harbour Station, at 9 o'clock, Wood. At Produce Mart, 741 George-street, at 1 o'clock, fat calves, fat pigs, sucking pigs, carcase pork, and veal; 150 coops turkeys, geese, ducks, fowls, pigeons, birds. At 4 o'clock, roll and keg butter, cheese, hams, bacon, lard, 240 cases superior duck and hen eggs, fruit, honey, wax, hair, hides, skins, and sundries.

WEEKLY POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCE SALE.

HOSKINS and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Rooms, Thomas-street, off Engine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 8.30, rabbits and hares.
At 1 o'clock sharp, pigs, suckers, calves, veal, and carcase pork.
At 2 o'clock, an exceptionally prime lot of Hawkesbury River table poultry, game, &c., 150 coops, ex rail, comprising turkeys, geese, ducks, fowls, quail, teal, parrots, kangaroos, &c. The usual lots of ducks from local farmers; butter, dairy, factory, and creamery; 2-ton prime honey, bacon, cheese, lard, wax, tallow, hides, and fruit. A very heavy lot of eggs, in case lots; and a quantity of fresh duck and hen eggs. All lots sold in suitable quantities.

BANKRUPT ESTATE OF FRANCIS KELLY.

AT THE ROOMS, 274 PITT-STREET.
THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

TEA IN PACKET and BULK, PICKLES, JAMS, HAMS, STARCH, CANDLES, SAUCES, VINEGAR, SALT, WAX VESTAS, SULPHUR, SALT, &c., &c. SCALES and WEIGHTS, ICE-CHEST, &c.

DALWOOD and CO. have received instructions from N. F. GIBLIN, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE, to SELL as above. WITHOUT RESERVE.

UNDER BILL OF SALE.
THIS DAY, 24th AUGUST, at 2.30 O'CLOCK, on the PREMISES,
154 HENDERSON-ROAD, ALEXANDRIA.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

DALWOOD and CO. have received instructions from the MORTGAGEES to SELL as above. WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO DEALERS, FURNITURE BUYERS, THE TRADE, AND OTHERS.
Removed to the Rooms for convenience of Sale.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by public auction, at his Rooms, 236 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11 a.m., HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, positively without any reserve.
Handsome 3-wing p.g. wardrobe
Ash and walnut bedroom suite
Bedsteads and bedding, chest drawers
Couches, dining tables, t. tables
Stoves, sashes, doors, cots
Washstands and ware, t. tables, outside lamps.
NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock, Camellia Cottage, Erskineville-road, Newtown, near Erskineville railway station.
Corrugated Iron Shed, Timber, first-class Buggy, 2 Horses, Harness, Dealer's Spring Van, and useful Sundries.
T. PHILLIPS will sell as above by auction.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, August 23, 11.30 o'clock, at the Rooms, 148 Pitt-street, city.
Lovely Rock Lilies (in bloom), choice Tree Ferns, Stag and Elk Horns (growing on trees), Camellias, Daphnes, Tuber Rose Bulbs, Pot Plants, &c., &c.
L. ISRAEL and CO. will sell by auction.

THIS DAY, AUGUST 24, at 11 a.m.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
Under instructions from the Trustees
IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF A GENERAL STOREKEEPER,
THE WHOLE OF THE WELL-ASSORTED STOCK, removed to the Mart for convenience of sale, comprising
ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, Table Cutlery, Cruets, Pocket Knives, Scissors, Spoons and Forks, Boilers, Saucepans, Fryingpans, Tubs, Shovels, Buckets, Tinware, Lamps, Brooms, Washboards, Hinges, Screws, Nails, Tools of all descriptions, Shoe, Hair, Horse, Clothes, and Tooth Brushes
Large assortment of Crockery and Glassware
FANCY STATIONERY, Playing Cards, Notepaper, Envelopes, Pocket and Memo. Books, Slates, Inks, Novels, Dolls, Lead Pencils, I.R. Balls, Vases, Pictures, Ladies' Handbags, Baskets, Purses, Cricket Bats, Can Openers, Corkscrews, a quantity of Sundries, &c., &c.
A number of Glass Showcases, &c.

To Stationers, Storekeepers, Ironmongers, Dealers, &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will SELL the ABOVE BY AUCTION, AT THEIR MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, AUGUST 24th, at 11 a.m.

To Caterers, Restaurant Keepers, Wine Merchants, Builders, Furniture Dealers, and Others.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.
SALE BY AUCTION
on the Premises, 53 and 55 PITT-STREET, City,
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, WINES, AQUARIA, &c., comprising
RESTAURANT TABLES, AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, Mirrors, Cruets, Glassware, Crockery, Cutlery
FIXTURES (new), Large GLASS CASES
Magnificent COUNTER, with Fountains attached
EUREKA GAS STOVE, CRITERION RANGE
Folding Iron Chairs, Garden Seats
100 Sheets GALVANISED IRON, UPRIGHTS.
Also,
300 GALLONS FALLON'S and Other WINES.

ERNEST N. SOLOMON and CO. have received instructions from the Proprietor to sell the above, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Office and Mart—273 Pitt-street.

TO WHOLESALE and RETAIL SADDLERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
ON ACCOUNT AND RISK OF THOSE CONCERNED.
AT THE ROOMS, 84 PITT-STREET,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 24,
at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,
THE WHOLE of the SALVAGE STOCK FROM THE FIRE AT MESSRS. E. BUTLER'S, KENT-STREET,
consisting of
Saddles, Bridles, Breastplates
Stirrup-leathers, Coat Straps, Girths
Valises, Cruppers, Winker-eyes
Serge Collar Check
Buggy and Carriage Lamps, &c., &c.

EDWIN JACOBS and CO. will sell the above, at their New Rooms, 84 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, 24th August, at 11 o'clock sharp.

WITHOUT RESERVE.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 SHARP.
AT THE OLD BANK AUCTION ROOMS, 322 GEORGE-STREET.
MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
TO LADIES and GENTLEMEN FURNISHING in Good Taste.
REMOVED FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE, from the Residence of Mrs. A. MILLER, DENISON-ROAD, DULWICH HILL.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising—
GLASSWARE AND CHINA
TABLE CUTLERY AND E.P. WARE
DINNER SERVICE
MAGNIFICENT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, in SOLID WALNUT, comprising—
BEAUTIFULLY UPHOLSTERED Dining Suite, covered in best leather, nine pieces
SOLID AMERICAN WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with tall bevelled edge mirrors
AMERICAN WALNUT BOOKCASE and SECRETAIRE Combination
SINGER'S BEST SEWING MACHINE (Cabinet), almost new, with fittings complete
WALNUT DINNER WAGGON
AMERICAN WALNUT HALL STAND
BUTTERFLY OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES in WALNUT, covered in GENOA VELVET
WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, with all modern improvements, by CARL HOFFMANN
\. The Auctioneers have confidence in recommending this instrument.
SOLID AMERICAN WALNUT OVERMANTELS
BRASS MUSIC STOOLS and MUSIC CABINETS
MARBLE CLOCKS
BRUSSELS CARPETS and RUGS.
BEDROOM FURNITURE, comprising—
MAGNIFICENTLY CARVED BEDROOM SUITES, in SOLID WALNUT
ELEGANT SEWING MACHINE, nearly new
NICKEL BEDSTEAD and BEDDING
LARGE ITALIAN WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE
TOILET SERVICES
WARDROBES and CHESTS DRAWERS
HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, SINGLE and DOUBLE
CONTENTS of SEVERAL ROOMS
Collection of ISLAND SPEARS.
PATENT MANGLES
SADDLE and BRIDLE.

WALTER BRADLEY and CO. have been favoured with instructions from Mrs. A. MILLER and others to conduct this important sale as above, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 sharp.

TERMS, CASH.
M. SYMONDS and CO.

To Gentlemen Furnishing, the Trade, Dealers, &c.
THIS DAY, Friday, at 11 a.m.
At the Rooms, 77 Castlereagh-street.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Under Bill of Sale, and on account of the assigned estate of a suburban furniture warehouse.
DRAWING-ROOM.
SUITE, in old gold, tap., and plush, walnut frames
Ditto, silk damask, black and gold frames
SPLENDID IMPORTED CABINET, in Italian walnut
WALNUT and GILT OVERMANTELS
OCCASIONAL TABLES and CHAIRS
CHOICE VASES and ORNAMENTS
MARBLE CLOCKS, CARPETS
DINING-ROOM.
MAGNIFICENT SIDEBOARDS, in solid walnut, oak, and cedar, fitted with cellarettes, cupboards, shelves for bric-a-brac, &c., bevelled plate-glasses, from 4 to 7 feet lengths
DINING-ROOM SUITES, covered real leather, in walnut, oak, and mahogany
TELESCOPE TABLES, in oak and cedar
DINNER WAGGONS, in walnut and oak
AMERICAN ORGAN, by Woods.
BEDROOMS.
About 20 BEDSTEADS, various sizes, solid brass, brass-mounted, with double w.w. mattresses, horsehair, kapok, and flock beds
WARDROBES, in walnut, mahogany, and pine
SPLENDID TOILET PAIRS, in mahogany, cedar, &c.
MAGNIFICENT SETS TOILETWARE, in Limoges china
BEDROOM CHAIRS, CHILD'S COTS, &c.
CHESTS DRAWERS, in cedar and pine
Kitchen Dressers, Mangle
EUREKA GAS STOVE.
INSPECTION INVITED.

M. SYMONDS and CO. have received instructions to sell the above by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., at their Rooms, 77 Castlereagh-street, between King and Market streets.
No Reserve. Terms, cash.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by public auction, at the Labour Bazaar Auction Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the unredeemed Clothing pawned with A. Ulaky, of the Australian Mont de Piété, of 21 and 23 Regent-st., Redfern, comprising clothing, boots, blankets, &c.

THIS DAY, AUGUST 24, at 2.30 p.m.
Under Instructions from the Sydney School of Arts.
To BOOKSELLERS, COLLECTORS, &c., &c.
ATTRACTIVE Unreserved SALE of PERIODICALS, &c., at the Australia Auction Rooms, 51 Castlereagh-street.
A large quantity of leading MAGAZINES, comprising Nineteenth Century, Black and White, Cornhill, Blackwood, Argosy, London Society, Strand, Belgravia, Temple Bar, Harper's, Scribner's, &c., &c.
Also, a quantity of Standard Works by Dickens, Hume and Smollett, Robertson, D'Aubigney, Merrivale, Byron, Shelley, Moore, Wordsworth, Hemans, &c., &c.

WM. CRANE, Jun., will sell by auction, as above, THIS AFTERNOON. Terms, Cash.

TO DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, and OTHERS.

D. A. MONROE will sell at 75 Engine-street, THIS DAY, at 2.30,
Men, women, and children's clothing, new and second-hand, tools, ironmongery, china and glassware, crockery, showcases, office fittings, copper boiler, quantity household furniture.
Terms, Cash. No Reserve.

AT No. 8 Gordon-terrace, Hegarty-st., Forest Lodge, THIS DAY, Friday, at 10.30 o'clock.—J. BROWN and CO. have been instructed by Mrs. Tyne to sell the contents of 6-roomed house, as under:—Suite, sideboard, table, oilcloth, chest drawers, duchess pair, safe, chairs, bedsteads and bedding, &c., &c. Without Reserve.

THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 o'clock, at 35 Glebe-road, Glebe.—J. BROWN and CO. will sell, under instructions from Mr. F. H. Elliott, Booth-street, Annandale, the following, under bill of sale:—Mignon piano (in really first-class order, cost 55 guineas), cedar and pine bedroom suites, sideboard, overmantels, screens, leather and tapestry drawing and dining room suites, pictures, and general household effects, in first-class order, worthy insp.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.
MOST IMPORTANT and UNRESERVED SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION of MACHINERY, ENGINEERS' TOOLS, FOUNDRY PLANT, and IMMENSE STOCK of ENGINEERS' REQUISITES, suitable for the trade or for MINING and MANUFACTURING Industries.
IN THE ESTATE OF MORRIS BROTHERS, late of THE SYDNEY ENGINEERING WORKS, HAY-STREET.
By order of the OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE, AUGUSTUS MORRIS, Esq., conjointly with the MORTGAGEES in possession.

R. G. WATKINS and CO. are instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,
The whole of the unrealised assets in the above estate, and which consist of ENGINEERS' TOOLS, FOUNDRY PLANT, SAWMILL MACHINERY, STEAM and GAS ENGINES, BOILERS, TRAVELLING and JIB CRANES, ENGINE FITTINGS and BOILERMAKERS' TOOLS, ROCK DRILLS, MINING MACHINERY, PULLEYS, SHAFTING, &c., &c.
On 7th SEPTEMBER Proximo.
Catalogues are now being prepared, and inspection orders issued.
R. G. WATKINS and CO., Machinery Merchants, Auctioneers, 107 Kent-street, Sydney.

CROWN LAND SALE, near Rookwood, TO-MORROW, Sat. FREE OMNIBUS at 5 to 3 p.m., from Rookwood Railway Station. Lithos., R. and W., Ltd.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE.
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.	Three Houses, Nos. 79, 81, and 83 Albion-street, Surry Hills, between Bellevue and Belmore streets. Assigned estate.
SURRY HILLS.	Three Houses, Nos. 202 to 206 Riley-street, between Oxford and Campbell streets. Deceased estate.
DITTO.	House, No. 415 Riley-street, opposite Collins-street.
PADDINGTON.	Four Houses, Nos. 7 to 13 Norfolk-street, off Gurner-street.
DITTO.	Three Houses, Nos. 63 to 67 Goodhope-street, north of Glenmore-road.
DITTO.	Corner Site, Gurner and Cambridge-streets, 17 x 70, Duxford Estate.
NEWTOWN.	Corner Lot, Missenden-road, Longdown and Campbell streets, with houses Nos. 1 and 3 thereon. Deceased estate.
WOOLLAHRA.	House, Hilton, No. 24 Queen-street, close to Oxford-street. Freehold.
STRAWBERRY HILLS.	Two Houses, Nos. 9 and 11 Brumby-street. Deceased estate.
DITTO.	Two Houses, Nos. 16 and 18 Dawson-street, handy to Elizabeth and Devonshire streets. Deceased estate.
SUMMER HILL.	Cottage Residence, Esterton, west side Henson-street.
HOMEBUSH.	Residence, Eston and Bates streets, land 300 x 261.
BURWOOD NORTH. (Village of Longbottom.)	Corner Site, Broughton and Gipps streets, opposite Concord Park.
DITTO.	Lot 4, sec. 1, fronting Wharf-road.
DITTO.	Allotment No. 6, sec. 7, Wharf-road.
FAIRFIELD.	Lots 135, 136, 163, and 164, sec. E, Orange Grove Estate, Lisbon-street and Government road.
MOUNT YORK.	Irwin's Farm in area about 30 acres, at Long Alley, 1 mile from Hartley Vale Township. Mortgagee's sale.
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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
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ESTATE of WILLIAM DALTON BANKS.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, at 11 a.m.
In the ROOMS, 267 George-street.
By order of W. H. Palmer, Esq., Official Assignee.
The Official Assignee's right, title, and interest, if any, in and to Messuages and Premises known as Numbers 39 and 40 St. Thomas'-street, Symington, county Hants, England, consisting of two COTTAGES, with gardens attached, held by the abovenamed bankrupt, and is subject to certain annuities.

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HUNTER'S HILL, KISSING POINT.
ESTATE R. B. WALLACE, DECEASED.
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, at 11 a.m.
IN THE ROOMS, 267 GEORGE-STREET.
BY ORDER OF W. H. PALMER, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.
6 Acres 1 Rood 11½ Perches, having a frontage of 343ft. to Kissing Point-road by depth of 799ft. 9in. along the Brush-road.
TITLE, TORRENS.

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The above-described block of land.
TERMS, CASH.

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